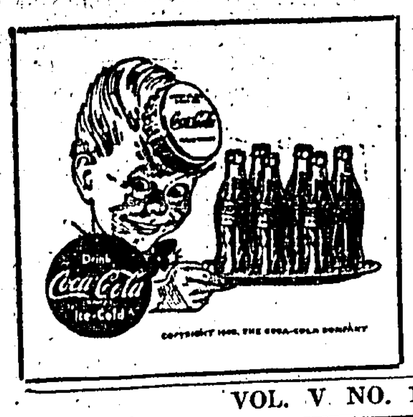


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GROWING HINTS OF LABOUR TREND TOWARDS EARLY ELECTION

Future Programme Study In Closed Dorking Gathering

London, May 21.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, returned to London tonight from the Labour Party's country mansion near Dorking, in Surrey, where for two days he had been in conference with 56 top-ranking Party leaders on future policy.

With the Prime Minister at Dorking were all the members of the Cabinet (except Mr Ernest Bevin, who was detained in London by foreign affairs), together with the Executive of the Labour Party and key men in the trade union and Co-operative organisations.

An official statement issued after the close of the conference said this was the first time that the three wings of the Labour movement, namely, the Labour Party, the Trade Union Congress and the Co-operative Movement, had jointly discussed the framing of policy in its early stages.

The statement said the gathering was of a consultative character and no decisions were taken but the views expressed "will provide a vital contribution in the preparation of future policy."

The statement intimated that nothing could be said at this stage regarding the subjects under discussion but declared that "the outstanding feature of this week-end gathering has been the achievement of a closer understanding between the three sections of the movement than ever before and a united determination to act together in the presentation of its democratically agreed policy."

MIXED VIEWS

The majority of political commentators are agreed that, in studying the outcome of the recent General Election, when the Labour majority was reduced from about 180 to only six, the chief problem was whether to call a halt to further nationalisation or whether to press on with a full Socialist policy.

Mr Herbert Morrison, the leader in the House of Commons, has been credited with favouring the former and Mr Aneurin Bevan, the Minister of Health, with championing the latter.

It was generally expected that the five Co-operative representatives at the conference would press their view that nationalisation was not necessarily the best method of bringing industries under public control, and, as they now have eight million members, the co-operative representatives were expected to wield considerable influence.

The Government's "wage freeze", against which nearly five million trade unionists are in revolt, must, "it is thought, have been another subject for close study in readiness for the possibility of another General Election being sprung on the country at short notice."

DECISIONS THIS WEEK

Next Wednesday, the 27-member Executive of the Labour Party meets in London to take formal decisions on the election programme. It includes half a dozen Cabinet Ministers, 12 trade union representatives and a member of the Co-operative Movement.

It will base its discussions and decisions on what has happened at this weekend's conference. After its meeting, the Labour Party may disclose, for the first time, definite details of its future policy.

The weekend conference was informal. There were no resolutions—except one—to withhold all information from the press beyond the official statement—and no hard and fast decisions.

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Thakin Nu At London Service For Fallen



The Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Nu (on right), passing a guard of honour from the Gloucester Regiment as he arrived at Westminster Abbey to attend a memorial service for the soldiers killed in Burma. A Book of Remembrance is to be enshrined in Rangoon Cathedral.—(London Express Service).

Historic Peruvian City Wrecked By Violent Earthquake

Cuzco, Peru, May 21.—A violent earthquake wrecked this historic Peruvian city early today, toppling some of its principal buildings and ruining many homes.

Many persons were believed to have been killed by the disastrous quake, but no exact estimate of casualties was immediately possible. In Lima, the government said that by 4.15 p.m., the Cuzco authorities had counted 50 dead and 250 injured.

Thousands of survivors fled the devastated city and troops moved into the city during the day to aid in salvage and relief work.

As the quake struck the ancient capital of the Incas, the towers of the Churches of Santo Domingo and Berlin fell and the National College of Sciences was partly destroyed.

An undetermined number of homes was destroyed by the earthquake, in some cases trapping sleeping occupants under the wreckage of tumbling walls and roofs.

The panic-stricken population stumbled through rubble-strewn streets, hampering the digging out of the dead and injured.

The earthquake struck at 1.35 a.m. and lasted only a few seconds, but was strong enough to knock down structures which had stood for centuries, sending up a great cloud of dust which hours later still filled the thin mountain air.

20 PERCENT DESTROYED

The Government Palace in Lima said an estimated 20 percent of the structures in Cuzco were totally or partially destroyed. Among them were such historic Landmarks as the Santo Domingo Church and the National College of Science. Planes carrying doctors, nurses and medicines prepared to take off from Lima for the three-hour flight to the stricken city.

Cuzco, the ancient capital of the Incas, was founded 1,000 years ago. It was the capital of the vast Indian empire which endured until the Spanish conquerors, led by Francisco Pizarro, defeated the last of the Incas in 1533 and laid the foundations of modern Peru. Many of the city's buildings still boast the massive stone walls of Inca architecture but most of the newer structures were made of comparatively fragile brick.

The city is a trade hub of the vast region in Southeast Peru and capital of the province bearing the same name. Its population is 46,000.—United Press.

Munitions Blow Up In India

Bombay, May 21.—An ammunition plant blew up today in the city of Gwalior in Central India and killed 25 workers, the police reported.

The building, located in the main business centre of the mediaeval city, collapsed. The police believed an accidental fire was responsible for the explosion.—United Press.

HONGKONG TRADERS CAUTIONED

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, May 21.—Hongkong traders interested in exports to the British Isles, and who had complained of delays in passage through the Customs, may in a few hours know the results of London negotiations.

Fresh instructions, it is learned, have already been cabled to accountants.

There is reason to believe that Hongkong traders would be advised not to assume that the position is as easy as Mr Ngai Shiu-kit, deputy leader of the Colony's delegation to the BIF, recently suggested.

Deposits in lieu of duty are still required in some instances.

Claim to Imperial Preference must still be substantiated by costings.

Soviet Trawlers Off Cornwall

London, May 21.—The 30 Russian trawlers and their mother ship, the Tambov, whose appearance in the English Channel caused a sensation in the British Press, left Falmouth today, but later dropped anchor off the Cornish fishing village of Porthleven, in Mounts Bay, about 30 miles away.

An Admiralty spokesman stated that the passage of the Russian ships was perfectly lawful and no military significance was attached to it. The captain of the Tambov said the trawlers were on the way to the Black Sea.—Reuter.

FREAK WHIRLWIND HITS ENGLAND

London, May 21.—Large hailstones and thunder and lightning, accompanied a series of freak whirlwind storms that struck Central and South-East England today, caused death, widespread damage and floods.

Worst hit appeared to be Bedfordshire, where two people were killed in a three-hour storm. Nearly an inch of rain fell in an hour and large hailstones, said to be as big as pigeon eggs, accompanied lightning and thunder.

The two people killed were struck while running for shelter. Three other people were injured at the same time.

Flood waters from the Ouse reached a depth of three feet in some parts of Bedford. Five golfers were injured by lightning on a golf near Watford.

In London, firemen were busy for many hours dealing with floods caused by burst mains.—Reuter.

One Sign Of Harmony!

Berlin, May 21. At least one sign of harmony between West Germany and Soviet-occupied East Germany appeared here today.

Grete, the female hippopotamus at the Leipzig Zoo in the Russian Zone, gave birth to a 50-pound male sired by Knautschke, a hippo of the West Berlin Zoo.—United Press.

Reds Begin Anti-Atlantic Pact Drive

Rome, May 21.—Italy's veteran left-wing Socialist leader, Signor Pietro Nenni, today threatened an "insurrection" in Italy to foil the Atlantic Pact plans of the Western Powers.

He declared that all problems but war could be reasonably solved by negotiation.

"But the question of war does not allow discussion. We might, therefore, be forced to assume the responsibility of asking the Italian people to stage an insurrection in defence of peace," he said.

Speaking at Verona, in Italy's northern "Red Belt," Signor Nenni was apparently sharing the launching of a new anti-Atlantic Pact campaign by the Communists and their allies.

He closely followed the line laid down earlier today in Rome by Signor Palmiro Togliatti, the Italian Communist chief. Both politicians insisted that there was no reason why Soviet Russia and capitalist countries should not continue to live peaceably together.—Reuter.

Millions Of Dollars Damage In Winnipeg Floods

Winnipeg, May 21.—The people of Manitoba, fighting the Red River floods, which have engulfed the whole southern half of their province, including much of Winnipeg itself, today believed victory in sight.

The Deputy Minister of Resources, Mr D. M. Stephens, said that the outlook was not "encouragingly good." The danger will not be over until the river level, now at 30.2 feet, drops to about 25 feet, but early today the level had remained unchanged for 24 hours at more than an inch below the year's peak, reached on Thursday night.

All dykes held during the night. Sunny weather was forecast for today and tomorrow, giving hope that the tide has turned and a slow subsidence begun.

The Prime Minister, Mr Louis St Laurent, was expected to arrive from Ottawa today to see the devastation at the request of the Manitoba Government, which is seeking Federal financial aid. About 10,500 homes have been flooded in Greater Winnipeg alone, and estimates of total damage range from $100 million to $300 million.

Warning against any quick return to homes ruined by mud and water, one official said today that by mid-June, if the water falls as hoped, the 80,000 homeless can start back.

OPERATION RAINBOW

This movement will be known as "Operation Rainbow" and will be supervised by the military authorities.

Local cleanup squads will look after decontamination, pumping and cleaning of individual buildings. Buildings will be placarded as fit for re-entry, or unfit, as the case may be.

A system of priorities will be set up for rehabilitation work.

The dykes will have top priority until the river goes below flood level of 18 feet. Today it stands at 30.2 feet.

The restoration of roads, railways and bridges will be dealt with first. Then will follow the restoration of sewage services and water supply, removal and disposal of refuse and obstructions, restoration of electric power facilities and the repair of private property.—Reuter.

Children Die In Bridge Disaster

Venice, May 21.—At least 12 children were drowned today near the village of Boscochiaro, in Venice Province, when a bridge collapsed under a religious procession.

The parish priest leading the procession and about 50 children; many of them in white Communion dresses, were flung into the rapid Garzone River.

Thirty-eight of the children were saved by their frantic parents, who were bringing up the rear of the procession. The priest saved himself by clinging to the wreckage of the bridge.

Eight bodies had tonight been recovered and at least another four children were missig with no hope of being found alive.—Reuter.

Five Injured In House Collapse

Two men, two women and a boy were injured when the second floor of a house in Lok Hing Lane, at the junction of Pottinger Street and Lyndhurst Terrace collapsed at 6.15 this morning.

The Fire Brigade went to the rescue and the injured persons were sent to Queen Mary Hospital.

Greek Strike Over

Athens, May 21.—Greek telephone and telegraph employees, who struck yesterday, returned to work tonight after a promise that their claim for a settlement of overtime rates would be satisfied.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Not War But Peace

WHEN President Truman reviewed on Saturday the most impressive military parade in Washington's history and afterwards said that America's military might have as its sole purpose the maintenance of peace against those who only understand the first, he lent emphasis to the outstanding success last week of the conference of the Western Powers. Despite Mr Lie's pilgrimage to Moscow, little promise now exists of Soviet co-operation with the West. It is felt that even if Russia at this stage paid lip service to the Trygve Lie appeal, it would represent no sincerity, it would amount to marking time. It was for that reason that last week's deliberations of countries signatory to the North Atlantic Pact made no deference to Soviet sensibilities and no attempt to disguise that the tightening up of their alliance was directed against Soviet aggression. As prime initiator of the re-armament scheme, the setting up of a 'High Command', the pooling of the military resources of the twelve nations into an international force, Mr Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, achieved a personal triumph. But as he said, if the developments promote the mobilisation of the resources of the free world, strengthen the bulwarks against further Soviet conquests, the main purpose is to lay the basis for a world order in which all countries can look forward to freedom. In short, the ultimate aim of the cementing of the North Atlantic Union and the preparedness schemes projected remains not war but peace. That cannot be stressed too strongly in view of Moscow's efforts to place the onus for the cold war and any further graver developments on the West, and the subtle "peace" propaganda intended to delude prospective fellow travellers. The Western Powers showed their devotion to peace when they dismantled their military establishments after V-J Day, while even today there is evidence that Russia has more than five million troops occupying the satellite regions behind the Iron Curtain, or training in Russia. And the keynote of the noteworthy communique released after the four days' deliberations of the foreign ministers last week remained at that level. The West has one object, peace. There is no intention of threatening Russia, nor her hegemony over Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, et al. Indeed, the very nature of the re-armament programmes excludes any possibility of aggression because unanimity can be achieved among twelve nations for measures providing self-protection when the outside menace becomes crystal clear, whereas it would be quite a different story if the real objective was provocation. The amalgamated effort means simply that it is fully agreed that harmonious relations with Russia cannot be attained by appeasement. It is strength sufficient to guarantee the capacity to hit back which alone is likely to command Moscow's respect. The London conferences of the Big Three and their associates, in short, sought to restore that balance of power calculated to cause potential aggressors to cultivate the habit of second thoughts. When that can be claimed, and it is possible to talk with Russia on equal terms, or better, the international outlook will change beyond recognition.

Real Progress Made By Commonwealth

Canberra, May 21.—The Commonwealth talks in Sydney "made some real and practical progress in dealing with the extremely complicated issues of South-East Asia," the Minister for External Affairs, Mr Percy Spender, said here tonight.

The conference ended on Friday after agreeing on a plan for aid to South-East Asia.

"Our Commonwealth countries, individually and collectively, can exert a weighty influence in encouraging the development of similar governments elsewhere," Mr Spender said in a national broadcast.

"I believe the meeting will prove to be an important event in Australian national history and, I hope, of not unimportant consequences to the world."

Mr Spender said that he was greatly impressed by the high level of the approach taken by all delegates. It was accepted as fundamental that the development of countries with low living standards "demanded every consideration; not only as a humanitarian duty but to achieve political stability and so contribute to world peace and order."

"It was accepted also that our approach to all countries in this area should be on the basis of good neighbourly co-operation, friendship and equality, and not in any spirit of interference or dictation," he declared.

"In a troubled Asia, the British Commonwealth represents a solid group of workable democracies, illustrating the practical virtues of efficient but free government."—Reuter.



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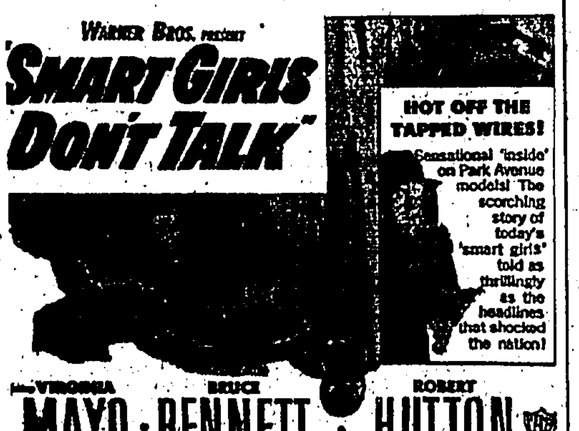
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WOMANSENSE

MEDIEVAL STYLES FOR MATERNITY WEAR

by JOAN ERSKINE

SINCE the announcement that Princess Elizabeth is expecting her second baby, interest in London has been focussed upon young mothers-to-be. They have been given advice by countless magazines on clothes, diet, make-up and mental outlook.

But when a young dress designer here, who is expecting a child, decided to buy herself some attractive maternity clothes, she could only obtain uninspired, matronly creations that did nothing for her mental outlook at all. She thought of designing her own clothes for the occasion, and from this idea, the Holler Maternity Collection came into being.

Certainly, there is limited scope in this field, but we have seen far too many bright floral smocks and baggy skirts, in the past.

Tape Tied

Most of the outfits consisted of tunics worn over straight skirts. These skirts are guaranteed to hang really straight, because they are made with window fronts, an idea that is rapidly becoming popular. This method prevents a strain on seams and fastenings, and they are tied by tapes.

Inspiration seems to have been derived from medieval times. Many of the tunics had voluminous folds, both back and front, and wide flowing sleeves. In all cases adjustable belts were shown with the tunics or dresses, worn rather higher than usual.

The line seemed to be deliberately uneven.

Folded Sleeves

Another outfit has a collar which can be worn in a variety of ways. The loose heavy folds at the back are offset by the folded sleeves and gathered front.

Many other tunics followed this line, and were equally attractive when worn unbelted. One had a caped back and huge sleeves, rather like a medieval page's costume. These wide sleeves, deep folds, and interesting necklines are excellent disguising features.

A pale blue cotton blouse was made like a countryman's smock, and a formal silver-grey cotton one had black smocking on the yoke and cuffs. Holler have produced some interesting hand painted fabrics, which they dye themselves. One oatmeal cotton tunic was printed with vine leaves, and a turquoise rayon summer dress, with deep cape sleeves, was hand printed.

Spotted Muslin

Still delving into history for ideas, they showed us a spotted muslin dress with fichu and sash, worn with a Regency straw bonnet. The deep puff sleeves, and delicate colouring, were ideal for a very young mother. "Pinny" was the name given to a white cotton pinafore dress with a ribbon sash. It looked for all the world like a Victorian chemise—very demure with a broderie anglaise yoke.

"Dandy" was the most attractive of the "walking out" styles. It was a three piece in green barathea, with plain taffeta lined jacket, and high matching stock, giving a crisp effect. A tucked blouse was in white mun's veiling, and the skirt was a paler green than the jacket.

Draped Basque

For evening wear, three dresses were outstanding. An ecru skirt, made from an Indian sari, was worn with a black velvet bloused top, with a draped basque which could be detached and worn as a shoulder cape.

A cocktail jacket in Chinese style, was made of black watered silk with hand printed dragons in gold and green sequins. The pointed sleeves fell like cape points, and the unusual neckline was a round collar, which stood out like a small stiffened ruff.

The dress that attracted most attention, however, was one aptly named "Guinevere." It had a neckline edged with fringed bobbles, and open to the waist. The deep slashed sleeves, also edged with bobbled braid, could be unfastened at the wrist and allowed to hang almost to the floor. A honey silk lace-trimmed blouse was worn with it. To heighten the effect, the model wore a heavy chatelaine hanging from her belt.

Very rarely, if ever, is a maternity collection shown, and it is an idea we would like to see repeated.

LOVELIEST DEB. IS CAREER GIRL



THE 1950 debutantes, almost without exception, are career girls. For them the social round will be brief.

Pictured here is 17-year-old Serena Sheffield, daughter of a Norfolk landowner, who is being presented this week. When the season is over she will begin training to become an interior decorator.

It is an appropriate choice. Miss Sheffield is one of the most decorative debutantes. She will adorn any drawing-room she enters. Her eyes are vivid blue, her hair is blonde, her figure lissom.

Her parents have taken a house in Cadogan Square, and will give several cocktail parties there for their daughter.

Broadtail Joins Up



Den Reig

By PRUNELLA WOOD

IT'S the navy in the spring, for fashions, and in this goodlooking short coat, broadtail fur joins up. It is a lovely deep-dyed navy colour, so attractive that it's a shame a sheep can't look that way naturally.

Slit pockets, cuffs on the shortish sleeves, collar, are all edged with navy silk braid, and the same braid covers the buttons. Collar corners are embroidered discreetly with emerald cut rhinestones emulating clips.

Sleeveless Dresses Demand Shapely Arms

FASHIONS in dance music and fashions in clothes have suddenly gone straight back to the 'Twenties. We dance to "Is It True What They Say About Dixie?" and, in similar idiom, "Music, Music, Music." We wear slim-skirted tailormades which have much the same silhouette as those worn in the early 'Twenties; sleeveless day dresses, all the vogue then, are going to be very much in evidence.

Perhaps this backward jump of fashion indicates a nostalgia for the days when cold wars and atomic bombs were unheard of. Whatever psychological reasons may be responsible, the fact remains that women will have to look to their arms and legs in order to avoid an inferiority complex when wearing summer clothes. Those with "drumstick" arms and those who have upper elbow bulges, or whose arms resemble rolling pins, will not look their best in sleeveless summer frocks.

Now is the time to get your arms in shape, and there are plenty of ways to do this. One of the most efficient aids to exercise is your bedroom door. You can use it to develop or streamline your muscles and pep up your circulation. Try these simple exercises and you will see what I mean:

Open the door half-way, stand facing the edge of the door in such a manner that you are able to grip the outer and inner door knobs with your hands—if the knobs are high, your feet should be about 8 to 10in. from the door and about 4 to 6in apart; if they are low, your feet should be a few inches farther back and a few inches farther apart.

Now that you have a firm grip, swing the door each way, leaning the upper part of your body as far back as possible—you will feel the stretch on your upper arms, shoulders and down the back of your things. Do this a couple of minutes, then reverse and stand with your back to the door, grip the handles and swing the door, leaning the upper part of your body forwards.

Another good exercise is to stand sideways on to the door with your right arm stretched out full length at shoulder height and "crawl" your fingers till your hand is stretched as far as possible up the door. As the fingers "crawl" you will have to move in nearer to the door. When you have done this several times, reverse and repeat the exercise with the other hand.

There is an electric massager for home use which you can buy for about 3½gns, and this can be used for "spot" reducing on any part of the body. "Spot" reducing can also be done by an expert at an institution of electrical and physical therapeutics. The reducing treatment can be localised on upper arms, thighs, hips, diaphragm, waist or ankles.

It is a wise plan to use hand lotion on the arms and legs during the summer months in order to keep the skin smoothed and geared to sun exposure. Elbows can be an eyesore in sleeveless dresses, especially if the skin is rough and discoloured. The best way of dealing with rough elbows, "sand-paper" knees and corrugated heels is to rub in a really emollient hand cream. The skin should be washed with very hot water before massage in order that the cream can penetrate more deeply. The newest leg make-up this summer is rain-proof, sea-proof, will not streak, and does not spot or stain dresses. It comes in a soft summer tan shade and costs 2s 6d a tube.

Jane Gordon

Hint Spots

DO you know that....It is better to rake out a fire when it is hot as all the dust then flies up the chimney instead of into the room....

You should apply metal polish with a piece of old flannel.... polish windows with a soft cotton duster, and furniture with an old piece of silk....

Hot milk is good for leather furniture which has become hard and cracked.....

White heat-marks on a polished surface can be removed by rubbing cigar or cigarette ash into the mark, or another way is to use a cloth dampened with sal volatile.

—(London Express Service)

Hands Need Lots of Care



Courtesy Food's

Don't let hands look rough and neglected, particularly when you're planning to wear formal dress. At the last minute, pat on a little hand cream.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IF YOUR hands have a tendency to be unusually dry, as is likely to happen this season of the year you must be particularly careful about the details of their daily care. No need to tell you that you should apply one of those semi-liquid, milky lotions at least once a day. The application will dry before you know it, and you can go about your activities with no inconvenience. The ingredients usually include gum tragacanth, glycerine and rose water, all soothing elements. Have a bottle in the kitchen, if you are the domestic engineer of your establishment, and apply after washing dishes. Keep another bottle in the bathroom to use at bedtime.

USE GOOD CREAM

While these lotions are soothing they do not supply the oil that is necessary for skin health. Immersing the hands in water many times a day removes the natural lubricant. Unless you give your hands an occasional massage with cream they may suddenly look old, older than anything. Don't let that happen.

A good cream will do wonders to keep your nails and cuticle in good condition too. After creaming your talons and massaging lightly, the surrounding cuticle will be soft and pliable. That is the time to give an extra treatment; it won't take even five minutes.

With your orange wood stick, do little circles along the cuticle edge, lifting the flesh if it adheres or has crept up over the pink sheath. Do not press back the flesh at the base; you will take a chance of injuring the matrix, a mass of tiny cells that eventually emerge, forming the new nail.

You needn't fear that the use of cream or oil will remove the rosy polish; it won't. And don't forget to protect the nails from strong cleaning agents.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Don't Smoke Until After Meals

A YOUNG couple sat down at the table next to mine in a restaurant. Immediately the young woman produced a pack of cigarettes, lit one and began puffing away.

The young man scanned the menu card. "What would you like, dear? Roast lamb, roast beef, fried chicken, shrimp curry—"

"Oh, anything at all," she replied.

Picked at Food

Finally they ordered fried chicken. The young man cleaned his plate with obvious relish. But she picked at her food and left more of it on her plate, then lit another cigarette. It was evident that she neither appreciated nor enjoyed the really excellent meal.

"Madame," said the chef to me, "my friend, les Amis d'Escoffier, who are fine gourmets and connoisseurs of good food, consider it a gustatory crime to indulge in smoking immediately before or during a meal. And with good reason; for smoking clouds the taste buds and puts its own predominating flavour in the mouth, thereby detracting from the enjoyment of the food flavours. But at the close of a meal, smoking makes a delightful finale with the coffee, oh oui! But this is a point in food appreciation which this young lady did not understand."

Rest Period

"Sometimes, Chef, people don't enjoy their foods because they are too tired. A short period of rest before dinner is advisable. Often worry, unpleasant conversation or arguments just before or during a meal take away the appetite. If a person has a cold, the mucous membrane is irritated so the sense of taste is clouded and nothing tastes good. In this case, foods with pronounced refreshing flavours will be appreciated, such as fruits or fruit juices, strong beef or chicken broth, or foods skilfully seasoned with herbs to bring up the flavour. And sometimes food does not taste good because of an unpleasant taste in the mouth; this can often be overcome by applying a little oral hygiene, which simply means regularly brushing the gums and the teeth."

The following tasty, appetising menu starts with saladettes from oddments of Sunday's chicken or duck; contains a main course based on eggs combined with those enticing new Bermuda onions. It ends with a tart-sweet deep dish pie, that will waken the laziest appetite.

Dinner
Duck or Chicken-Celery Saladettes
Eggs Soubise Platter
Whipped Potato
Spinach or Greens Toasted Rolls
Deep Rhubarb Raisin Pie
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Duck Or Chicken-Celery Saladettes

Fine-chop enough oddments of cooked duck or chicken to make 1 c. Add ½ c. very fine-minced celery, ¼ c. peas slightly mashed and ¼ c. mayonnaise or salad dressing mixed with 1 tsp. lemon juice. Season to taste with salt and pepper and chill. To serve, arrange in neat mounds on lettuce leaves or dressed fine shredded green salad. Top each saladette with a slice of red radish. If desired the saladettes may be shaped by means of an ice-cream scoop.

Eggs Soubise Platter

Hard-cook 6 eggs and prepare 4 c. whipped white potato. Peel and boil or pressure cook 6 medium-sized Bermuda onions in 2 c. salted water until crisp-tender. Drain off and reserve the water. Add 2 tbsp. butter, then stir in 5 tbsp. flour blended with ½ c. sweet or sour cream, or undiluted evaporated milk. Then add ½ c. fluid milk and bring to a boil. Season with ½ tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. pepper. Separate the whites of the hard-cooked eggs from the yolks. Cut the whites in long strips and add to onion sauce. Then in the centre of a deep fireproof platter heap the whipt white potato. Dot with butter and brown under the broiler or in a very hot oven. Arrange half slices of buttered toast around the potato. Top each with 1 onion and some of the sauce. Garnish with the egg yolks, which have been rubbed through a sieve.

Rhubarb Raisin Pie

Wash 1 lb. tender rhubarb. Cut off the leaves and roots. Then cut the rhubarb into ½" strips. Add ½ c. raisins and stir in 2 tbsp. flour, 1 c. sugar and ½ tsp. cinnamon. Transfer to a well-buttered qt.-sized baking dish or shallow casserole, pour in ¾ c. water, cover with ½ recipe for home-made piecrust, or use a mix; bring the edges down well over the dish to seal the crust in tight. Slash in the centre three times with a sharp knife to allow the steam to escape. Brush over with whole milk to give a rich brown colour to the crust. Bake in a hot oven, 400 F., until it begins to brown; then reduce the heat to 350 F. and continue baking 30 min.

Marriage Counsellors In Camp

Forty-five happily married people, most of them women, gathered at Rustington holiday camp, Sussex, recently to receive training as instructors on how to mend broken marriages.

Lectures on this subject will form part of the annual conference of the National Marriage Guidance Council, which is being attended by about 150 delegates from all parts of the country. They represent all walks of life.

The ages of the "students," who have been most carefully selected for their work as "marriage guidance counsellors," range from 30 to 50. As proof of their own happy marriages many of them took husbands and wives and children with them to the conference.

YEAR ON PROBATION

When trained they will give their services as voluntary workers at marriage guidance councils in all parts of Britain. By tactful advice they will try to prevent the break-up of homes. But first, to prove themselves fit for the work, they will have to serve a year on probation.

"The Government now bears the cost of training these counsellors," Mr A. J. Brayshaw general secretary of the National Council said. "The greatest care is taken in selecting them and we assess their mental suitability by interviews and discussion."

"Their training consists of a course of 40 lectures which usually ranges over six months. By intensive work at this conference the students will cover about half the course in the space of one week."

MORE WOMEN

More women than men offered themselves for the work because women usually had more spare time. "This is all to the good, because about twice as many wives as husbands make the first approach to a marriage guidance council for help and they usually prefer to see someone of their own sex.

"We always wait for people to come to us for advice. If a mother comes to us and asks us to advise her married daughter who is having a rough time with her husband we refuse to intervene."

SO NICE TO COME HOME TO



FILM star Betty Grable, wife of band leader Harry James, shows her two reasons for serving on the U.S. National Daughter's Day Committee in Hollywood. The daughters of Mr and Mrs James are Victoria, left, and Jessica, and very good reasons they are. (Acme)

HANGING LIKE 'THROWING MALEFACTORS TO LIONS'

The view that capital punishment had its roots in primitive superstitions was expressed to the Royal Commission on Capital Punishment when it resumed its public hearings in London recently.

A memorandum was submitted on behalf of the Institute for the Scientific Treatment of Delinquency by Dr Edward Glover. He is chairman of the institute's scientific committee.

It said that anthropologists believed that the blindfolding of criminals before execution had its origin in the superstitious need to protect those present from the "evil eye."

The memorandum added:

"The view is also maintained that private as well as public executions are of the same order of social habit as the ancient custom of throwing malefactors to the lions, allowing, of course, the fact that no possibility of reprieve through combat exists in the modern execution shed."

Scientific information discovered by anthropological research was seldom given the close attention it deserved. The pathological groups to which some murderers belonged could be dealt with by medico-psychological treatment.

NOT A DETERRENT

In many cases of pathological crime punishment did not act as a deterrent and could even produce the contrary effect.

The memorandum continued: "It is certain we do not know enough about murder and capital punishment to lay down binding laws on the subject.

"It is equally certain that grave forms of mental disorder exist which do not come within the scope of the McNaghten rules. It is therefore unethical to recommend the execution of murderers belonging to these officially unrecognised groups."

The McNaghten Rules are based on the answers of judges to questions concerning the acquittal because of insanity of Daniel McNaghten in 1843.

The rules stipulate that to justify the "guilty but insane" verdict in a murder case the accused must not have known what he was doing.

Answering a question by Sir Ernest Gowers, the chairman, Dr Glover said: "It is a grim case, the case for punishment and it is not very scientific. The general assumptions that are made about punishment are extremely shaky ones and are obviously associated from time to time with extreme prejudice."

RULES BREAK DOWN

A memorandum was also submitted by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

Evidence on behalf of the Association was given by Dr J. Wilson Russell, the president, and Dr Desmond Curran.

Questioning Dr Curran, Sir Ernest Gowers said: "You agree that under a strict application, the McNaghten rules break down in some cases.

"It is a very important point for us. You have to do one of two things—either find a new formula in place of the McNaghten rules or have an end of all formulae and ask the jury: 'Was he mad, or not?'"

Dr Curran: "It would be very difficult, a lot of people are 'McNaghten-mad' who are not certifiably insane."

MEMORY



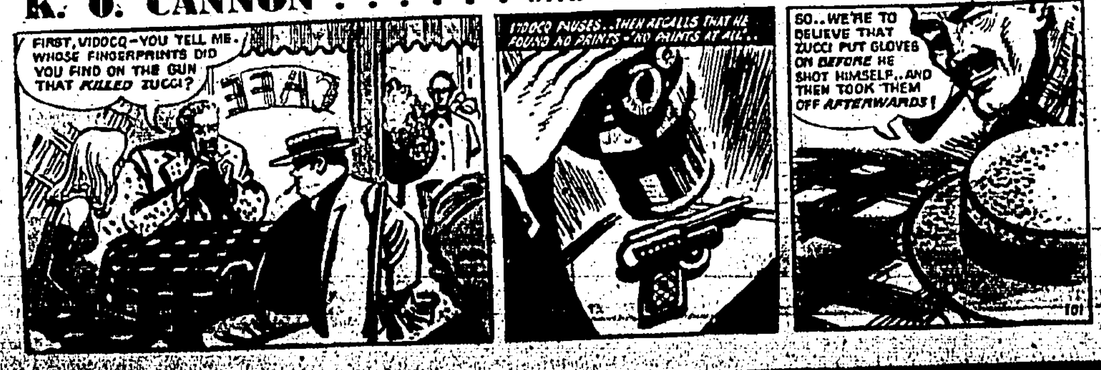
RUBY Keeler, dancing star of some years ago, wears a replica of her costume in her biggest hit, back in 1932. Ruby was in New York for a television show, her first appearance in nine years. (Acme)

PARIS IN SPRING



IN Paris, which is especially noted for the Spring, the Frenchmen are flocking out to enjoy it. The pavement cafes have reopened and are doing heavy business. A table from which to watch the rest of the world pass is all the Parisians really need; everyone eventually goes by, it's said. (Acme)

K. O. CANNON WITH WHISPER IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE



REFORMS URGED TO GIVE NURSES "FULLER LIFE"

The final section of the report of the nursing reconstruction committee set up by the Royal College of Nursing was presented by its chairman, Lord Horder, to the Minister of Health early this month.

The committee has surveyed the wide field of the social and economic conditions of the nurse. Its main findings cover the hours and various types of work. It approves the principle of equal pay for men and women, urges that there should be longer holidays in certain cases, and points out various reforms which can be made "to ensure that as many nurses as possible lead lives that are as normal as possible" and ensure conditions of service which will "encourage the development of the whole personality."

Examining the estimates of nursing requirements, the report points out that "the trained nurse's skill can be still further economised by delegating the simpler nursing tasks to staff who are less qualified. All that can be said at the moment is that, in view of the man-power situation, a large body of subsidiary workers is essential."

On the prospects nursing holds out as a livelihood, the report states that nurses' hours of work should be the subject of negotiation but not of legislation.

"The retention in certain hospitals of the principle of overtime pay is to be regretted, as it is not conducive to high standards of work, and prejudices the overhaul of staffing machinery." Where overtime has been frequent, time in lieu at a later date is advocated; if this is impracticable, the institution is offering a service beyond its powers.

The committee did not consider the "present system of salary grading for hospital nursing staff, which assumes a ladder of promotion to the post of matron" to be necessarily in the best interests of the hospital, but considers that "the prospects in each field should be sufficiently satisfying financially to attract and retain those who would choose it on professional grounds."

BONUS PAYMENTS

Payment in recognition of three types of additional qualification within a specified category is considered—qualifications in skills which are essential for certain posts; qualifications the need for which is only in process of becoming recognised; and qualifications of a higher and broader academic type, which could rarely be demanded as a prerequisite but which denote that the holders are of a calibre desirable for any hospital staff.

Only if all has been done to make conditions in the less popular fields equitable, and if the shortage of workers still persists, should there be a bonus payment in respect of the worker's scarcity value.

The committee holds the opinion that calculation on the basis of a weekly wage, instead of a salary on an annual basis as is customary with professional workers, has a detrimental effect on prestige.

RATE FOR JOB

The rate for the job irrespective of the sex of the worker is put forward as the only equitable long-term policy for the nursing profession, coupled with allowances for men and women who have children or dependent parents to maintain.

A more realistic evaluation of emoluments, coupled with the introduction of the straight shift system, would enable many more nurses to live out and the inclusion of regular week-ends and a weekly day off, known well in advance, is stated to be of utmost importance. Generous holidays are considered essential, and there should be provision for a longer holiday with pay after a certain period of service.

Lord Horder emphasises in his foreword, to the report that the committee sought to study nursing not in isolation but in relation to its social background.

The nursing profession has two objectives, he says, and these are to provide a satisfactory service for the community "and to ensure a happy and satisfying life for the nurses themselves—a life which fulfils the reasonable demands of those types of persons who are likely to be most successful in their chosen career."

ECONOMIC PROBLEM

Nursing must be considered in relation to the state of the nation as a whole and so "the problem is primarily an economic one."

The nursing reconstruction committee was set up in 1941 under the auspices of the Royal College of Nursing, and issued reports in 1942 and 1943. The council of the college asked for a report on the social and economic conditions of the nurse in 1947, and a working committee was subsequently set up to make the preliminary survey. It was under the leadership of Mrs G. Williams, reader in socio-economics, University of London.

OBJECTS TO COMMUNIST TEACHER

Canon R. R. Roseveare, vicar of Parson Cross, said that before he retired this month from Sheffield Education Committee he would seek to raise the issue of whether an education authority should continue to employ an avowed Communist.

He was discussing the position of Mr E. L. Moore, 39, a teacher at Shirecliffe Secondary School. Mr Moore, a graduate of Oriel, Oxford, unsuccessfully contested the Neepsend by-election on April 5 as a Communist.

The Parson Cross parish forms part of the Neepsend Parliamentary Division. Canon Roseveare, in his parish magazine for May, stated:

NO CHOICE

"If you were entirely free to send your children to any school, would you choose to send them to one where you knew that one or more of the teachers were avowed Communists? Yet, in this instance, you have no choice.

"We demand the expulsion of Communists from posts of trust in Government administration; the T. U. C. refuses to have a Communist on its executive; yet we are prepared to allow our children to be taught by a Communist.

"Can a member of a party sworn to intolerance and class war trade on the tolerance of his fellow citizens to the extent of holding a position of trust in the education of children?

"Neither you nor I may have anything against Mr Moore personally. You have a right to be assured in no uncertain fashion that he does not infect your child with a political creed which is nothing less than a rival religion and which the Church utterly repudiates."

UNION VIEW

Mr Moore, who is married and has three children, said:

"I deny that a Communist would influence children politically any more than a Conservative. The attack on the Communist party is not an attack on a party but on all forms of social criticism."

An official of the National Union of Teachers stated: "We should strongly resist any attempt to discriminate against Communist teachers."

JEANNIE AT BAY



IN Letchworth, Hertfordshire, Jeannie, a showman's monkey, has had an hour and a half's freedom. She ran wild in a builder's yard. The camera caught her—just before her owner. (London Express Service.)

'Dead' 18 Minutes, Man Revived

It was stated at an inquest in Birmingham on Frank William Clemas, 40, ship's carpenter, that he had been revived after being "dead" for 18 minutes. He lived for three more days. A verdict of misadventure was recorded.

Mr William Rees, surgeon, said that Clemas collapsed under the anaesthetic before an operation and the heart stopped beating. The abdomen was opened and the heart massaged.

After 18 minutes the heart began to beat again. A few minutes later Clemas gave a gasp and normal respiration started. He did not regain consciousness but did recover his respiration, circulation and reflexes. He died three days later.

Dr W. H. Davison the coroner: It is generally understood that when breathing and circulation stop for such a long time the delicate structure of the brain is irreparably damaged?—That is so.

MAN LEGALLY DEAD

Prof. Webster, Home Office pathologist, said death was due to pneumonia resulting from administration of the anaesthetic. That the man had lived three days after his heart had stopped for 18 minutes was not outside his experience.

"A man is presumed dead by law after his heart, breathing and circulation have stopped for five minutes, so that legally this man was dead."

The Coroner said it was possible that "this was just one of those circumstances in which a person was in some way susceptible to anaesthetic. There is nothing to indicate that there was any carelessness or failure by the hospital staff."

A medical correspondent later said: Modern physiology teaches that irreversible changes occur in the brain and other vital organs if the circulation stops for about four minutes or less.

"Eighteen minutes is, as Prof. Webster states, a figure widely outside the range of modern experience and demands a review of our basic ideas in this field. One feels that there must have been some circulation or the organs would have been devitalised beyond recovery."

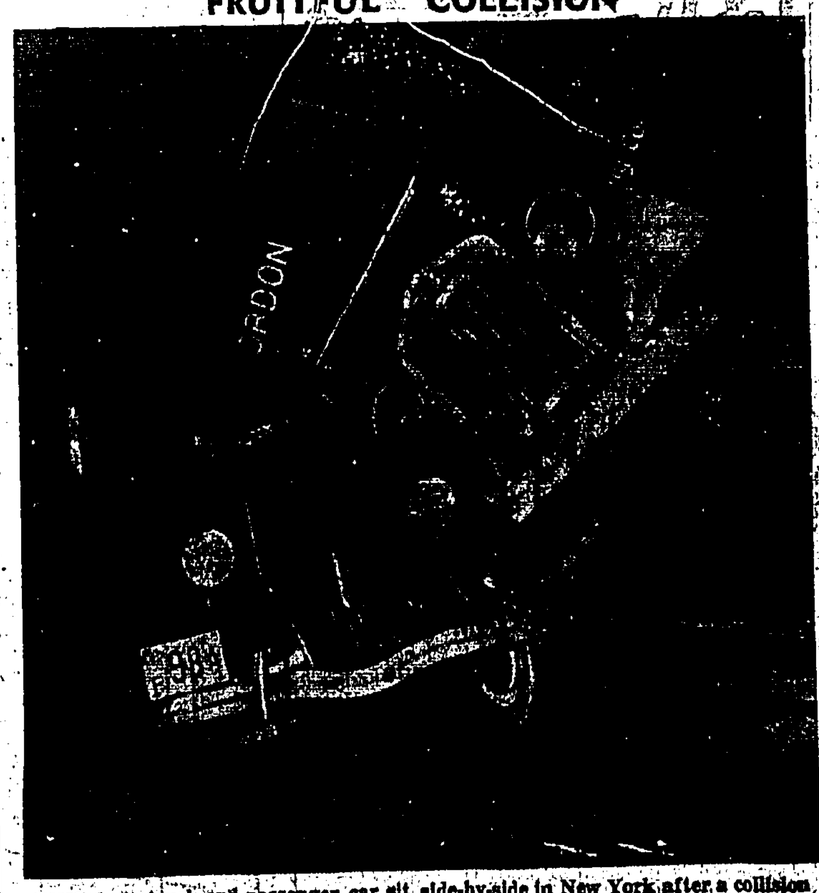
A similar case of a man being revived was reported from New York on April 20. The man, aged 65, was twice pronounced dead within four hours and twice revived by heart massage.

Trade Unions Confer

London, May 21.—Mr Arthur Horner, the Communist Secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, left here by air today for Duesseldorf to attend a two-day international conference of metal workers and mine workers.

He said he would attend another international miners' conference in Austria during Whitsun.—Reuter.

FRUITFUL COLLISION



THIS fruit truck and passenger car sit side-by-side in New York after a collision which sent the six occupants of the car to a hospital. Fruit and produce were strewn all over the road, but the driver of the truck was uninjured. (Acme)

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ARE WE BUILDING THE WRONG TYPE OF ARMY?

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LIDDELL HART
foremost British thinker on the science of war. A military critic to whom these tributes were paid:

By GUDERIAN, creator of the German tank forces which broke through in the West:
"I was one of Liddell Hart's disciples."

By ROMMEL:
"The British would have been able to prevent the greatest part of their defeats if they had paid more attention to . . . Liddell Hart."

WHEN people talk about future warfare, most of them are apt to think mainly of the atom bomb and the hydrogen bomb. They are in danger of forgetting other menaces.

Western Europe, Southern Europe, the Middle East, Africa, India, South-East Asia—every part of the vast land mass that still lies outside the "Iron Curtain"—might be overrun and conquered without the A-bomb or the H-bomb being used by the invader, or being effective in stopping him.

The Governments and their expert advisers realise this. That is why they are striving to build up armies and tactical air forces adequate to hold up such overland invasion.

SPEARHEAD

BUT all the calculations on which their plans are based could be upset if the invasion were made with a new kind of army, or even a new kind of spearhead for the invading army.

That happened ten years ago—in May 1940—when the defences of the West, held by 140 old-type divisions, collapsed in a few days under the impact of a tiny new-type spearhead consisting of a mere ten panzer divisions — before the bulk of the German Army had even come into action.

Such a catastrophe might happen again—if the invader suddenly produced a new-type spearhead as different from existing forces as that of 1940 was.

Indeed, it might happen more easily. Ten years ago the Western Powers had an advantage in numbers over the Germans.

Now they are greatly inferior in numbers to the Russians, and are bound to remain so, whatever they do.

On the other hand, they are better able than the Russians to develop forces of a new type, because of their greater industrial and technical resources.

If they did this before the Russians did or could, they would have a much better chance than looks likely at present of being able to nullify the Red Army's superiority in size.

Another revolution in warfare on land might come in various ways, but the clearest possibility lies in another big bound forward in the power of armoured forces.

This will not be achieved, however, along recent lines—of making each new model of tank a little heavier than the last.

The weight of tanks has trebled in the last ten years, as a result of continuous efforts to mount a bigger gun and thicker armour. We have reached the limit of what is practicable without forfeiting mobility.

But the penetrative power of the anti-tank projectile has continued to grow.

NOT YET TRIED

THUS we seem to have reached a dead end. Soldiers are even saying that armoured forces have had their day.

Armoured forces have *not* "had their day"—because, in the real sense, *they have not yet been tried.*

Such a statement may cause astonishment in view of the epoch-making performance of the panzer divisions that Guderian developed and trained—the way they shattered old-style armies at the start of World War II. But the German panzer divisions were not *really armoured forces.* Nor were the so-called "armoured divisions", which the Allies used in their turn.

The armour in such divisions was a small pebble in a large sling. As the war went on the disproportion became worse.

While the pebble consisted of barely 200 tanks, the sling amounted to over 3,000 other vehicles and over 15,000 men—only a small fraction being tankmen.

Nine-tenths of the vehicles were wheeled transport, largely confined to the road. That was a growing handicap as air attack increased — and is likely to become worse.

Nearly 30 years ago I wrote a treatise on future mechanised warfare and the "Development of a New Model Army," which suggested how this might be achieved in two phases—the first "evolutionary" and the second "revolutionary."

In the first phase, the new model divisions would consist of a spearhead of fast tank supported by motorised infantry and artillery.

In the second, the tank would swallow the older arms, and become the ground-partner of the aeroplane.

The mobile divisions would become all-armoured, with the artillery on self-propelled armoured mountings, and a smaller number of more skilled infantry carried as "tank-marines" in armoured vehicles.

When ten years later the German Army had the chance to rearm, it started to create panzer divisions corresponding to the first-phase design.

Guderian wanted to go further—but was restrained by conservative superiors.

Nevertheless, a handful of the "evolutionary" pattern divisions produced a revolution in warfare. It caused the defeat of Poland, Western Europe, and the Balkans in turn. It came near to defeating Russia, but in the end fell short.

As the war continued "armoured" forces of that pattern became increasingly checked by forces of similar mobility and more rarely found opportunities of catching foot-marching forces unprotected.

Yet the Anglo-American armies of the later period, when the tide turned, made no serious effort to develop a newer model—despite much superior industrial resources.

There we remain. Armies must get out of this rut if they are to have any important influence in the future—and avoid being paralysed by air attack.

This new power might be achieved in two ways—by fresh developments in tank design and by a new organisational design of armoured forces.

Since armoured forces were first introduced into war their more convinced exponents have always insisted that their value essentially depended on their being employed "in swarms—to swamp the defence."

It is the principle of saturation—of confronting the defence with many more separate assailants than he can cope with.

The present trend of mechanical design towards bigger tanks and thus fewer of them is unfavourable to the chances of "saturation" tactics.

We might gain much by a fresh effort to develop a lighter and cheaper type of tank, provided that the importance of obstacle-crossing capacity is kept in mind.

Superior hitting power counts for much in the design of a tank, and even for self-protection is relatively of more value than thick armour; but manoeuvrability is even more important — for quickness in changing fire-positions and shortening the range for more effective fire.

TANK-TORRENT

IT is time for a reversal of the elephantine trend in tank design, and a move towards the revival of tank-torrent tactics.

The tank of the future will have to be fitted with night driving vision and probably with radar as well as with wireless.

It should be able to pass safely through a radioactive belt of country.

If we try to combine all these requirements with a powerful weapon and provide over-all armoured protection of adequate thickness, the tank is bound to become an increasingly clumsy monster.

The design must be simplified to produce a mechanical David instead of a Goliath.

A distinguished tank expert, General Birks, suggests that this may be achieved by external mounting of the main armament—a rocket-launcher or recoilless type of gun—which should be sighted, fired, and fed with ammunition mechanically.

The armoured body could then be quite small—a cabin to house the directing apparatus with a crew of no more than three.

Another possibility is the development of remote-control tanks for the spearhead. With crewless tanks it would not matter that a high proportion were knocked out if an effective fraction penetrated the whole depth of the defence—then, the exploitation of the breakthrough could get going, and might better be carried out by manned tanks.

A vital difference could be made by the advent of a non-specialised amphibious tank, capable of swimming rivers without sacrifice of its general tactical value.

A LONG TAIL

IT can thus be seen that, in the sphere of tank design, there are many possibilities still undeveloped.

Beyond these are the still undeveloped potentialities of new organisation.

We have not yet tried the second stage, or "revolutionary" pattern, suggested 30 years ago.

The small striking head of an armoured division can leave the road and dart round an obstacle, but the wheel-borne tail cannot. And what an immensely long tail it is!

If the division is confined to a single road this means that, at the customary spacing, it would stretch out some 200 miles.

The best chance of delivering a decisive blow lies in the sudden concentration of a mass of tanks at a weak spot.

But each division forms such a bulky coil that even when it is coiled up close there is not room to concentrate many tank-fangs in one sector. Nor can they be concentrated quickly.

If we are to develop adequate striking power we must construct our "mechanical snake on a clearly thought-out design—reducing the length of the tail and increasing the strength of the head.

We add something to protect an element that is only auxiliary, and are then led on to add something else to protect the protector—at each step multiplying transport, numbers, supply needs, and hence transport again.

The essential tactical idea of such a division is that of *fighting mounted*—to retain its impetus—as the cavalry did in the days when they played the decisive role on the battlefield.

FOOT-FIGHTERS

WHILE the inclusion of men who can fight on foot is a tactical necessity—for dislodging enemy troops under cover behind obstacles, and for various defensive duties—it is a fundamental mistake of organisation if the proportion of such "mounted infantry," dismounting to fight, exceeds or even equals the proportion that fights mounted, manning tanks and self-propelled guns (on tank chassis).

At the same time the foot-fighting element ought to be entirely carried in tracked vehicles, armour-protected, so that they have a cross-country mobility and manoeuvrability equal to the armoured fighting units.

Moreover, the quicker they can intervene, the fewer of them will be required—that is a matter of common experience in warfare.

A company of such true "tank-marines" could often brush away opposition that a whole lorried battalion or more could not overcome an hour later.

CLEAR PATH

A FURTHER reduction in the size of the foot-fighting element in the division might be obtained by the use of airborne troops, especially if the means of using these is improved and developed.

They could be dropped ahead of the armoured drive to seize obstacles likely to hold it up, and then clear the path.

Armoured forces must move light, be able to operate self-contained, and develop more capacity to cut loose from communications—if they are to attain the degree of offensive mobility required for a decisive follow-through.

The armoured force of the future must have the all-over mobility of a snake, without having its tail tied to the road.

The unarmoured elements should be cut down to a minimum. So should the road vehicles.

The maximum possible proportion of the infantry should be airborne. What is moved on the ground should be track-borne rather than wheel-borne.

Supply to such mobile forces should be as far as possible by air transport rather than by land transport.

Given such fully mobile forces, the Western Powers should be able to make rings round the Red Army as at present organised.

But if the Russians were, to develop such forces and we had not done so, a disaster worse than 1940 would befall us.

—(London Express Service).

BITS OF LONDON SCATTERED ALL OVER THE WORLD

A CHERISHED little bit of London may soon be going home at great expense. The London Society plans to raise £10,000 to bring the historic Temple Bar back to London from a park in the County of Hertfordshire.

The famous last surviving gate of the City of London used to be in the way of traffic. So it was carefully taken down stone by stone and has spent 60 years in rural retirement.

Yet if all London's exiled stones were taken back to their rightful home, buildings and fragments would have to be transported from as far away as the Zambesi. Some would be found in Canada. Many of Sir Christopher Wren's iron railings from St Paul's now adorn a Toronto park, while a demolished Wren church spire has been rebuilt in New Zealand. If Londoners decide to build Rennie's old Waterloo Bridge again in time for the 1951 Festival of Britain, they will literally have to comb the world.


"Miss Watson—take a letter to the Acme Air Cushion Company."
London Express Service.

Some of the stonework has been built into the balcony of the Parliament House in Perth, Western Australia. For auld lang syne—Rennie was a Scotsman—balustrades rest in Aberdeen and Perth while two others are souvenirs for British residents in the African village of Mbabane, Swaziland. Lamp-standards from the bridge are scattered in Bulawayo and Salisbury.

The 90-ton centre span of the former Millbank Thames emergency bridge, similarly, is now used across a Zambesi tributary. Bridge-makers have been economical in using old parts ever since chains and rods from the old Hungerford Bridge, familiar to Dickens, were incorporated in the Clifton Suspension Bridge near Bristol. And authentic pieces of old London Bridge helped to build Ingress Abbey, in rural Essex.

This merely begins the list of transplanted Cockneys. The stones of the original Aldgate, some bearing the City arms, were incorporated in rugged Rothley Castle, in distant Northumberland. The facade of the old Mercers Hall from Cheapside sometimes puzzles overseas sightseers when they find it in front of Swanage Town Hall. Nearby you will find a clock tower from London Bridge, weathervanes from old Billingsgate and ornate lamp-posts bearing London street names.

Mowlem and Burt, demolition contractors, were Swanage men and always remembered their home town when they had some particularly attractive piece of old rubbish awaiting disposal!

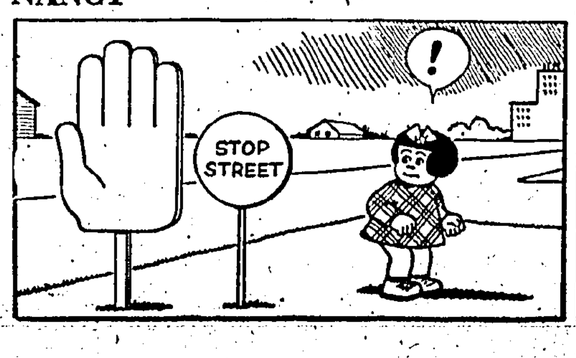
Then there is the grim secret cherished by the white marble statue of Queen Anne outside St Paul's Cathedral. You can often spot it in the newsreels and photographs of state processions. The statue is only a copy. The original lady became rather knocked about in sundry national celebrations, minus nose and an arm. Finally the Archbishop of Canterbury agreed to allow a Mr Hare to remove it—with the aid of cranes, trucks and trolleys—to his country house near Hastings.

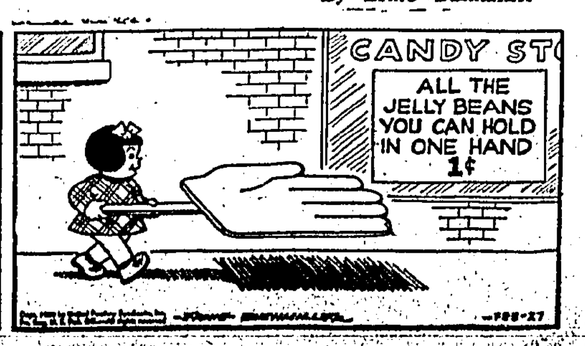
When St Paul's was restored, stones were sent to nearly a dozen overseas cathedrals for incorporation in their fabric. Stones from the blitzed Middle Temple and House of Commons were similarly marketed for dollars in America during the war. Recently elected Members of Parliament enjoy a strange privilege, for they are given the first opportunity of buying decayed stonework from the Houses of Parliament whenever replacements are necessary. Perhaps the best prize was a complete line of battlements with gargoyles now used as a garden wall in the grounds of Lilleshall Hall, Shropshire.

London sheds its stones only with difficulty. When the statue of King William IV was removed from the northern end of London Bridge, no fewer than four future sites were investigated and rejected. The Privy Council, Treasury, Admiralty, Office of Works, Ecclesiastical Commissioners, Trinity House Brethren and the Court of Common Council all had to be consulted before King William was finally moved to Greenwich—less than five miles away.

By RONALD GARTH

NANCY Bargain Hunter By Ernie Bushmiller







DEATH TOLL IS 27 IN U.S. DISASTER

Churches hold special services of mourning

South Amboy, New Jersey, May 21.—The death toll in the South Amboy munitions explosion disaster was fixed officially today at 27.

The bodies of only four have been recovered. The rest disappeared in the flame and black smoke after 600 tons of munitions blew up at South Amboy last Friday night. Churches held special Sunday services to mourn the dead.

The Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington stated that the munitions which exploded were destined for Pakistan from Newark, Ohio.

Vice-Admiral Merlin O'Neill, Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, said in a statement that the Coast Guard decided to let one last shipment of more than 500 pounds of munitions clear through South Amboy.

Arrangements had been completed before a Coast Guard order on May 9 limited the the amount to be shipped from the congested area to 500 pounds.

Admiral O'Neill said, "The Coast Guard considered it safer to permit the movement of this one additional shipment of explosives through South Amboy rather than have it remain in boxcars in congested East Coal railyards pending re-routing to another explosive - loading facility."

On the waterfront, where the blast occurred, troops with mine detectors today completed the clearing of scattered bits of munitions which had rained on to the area in the explosion.

BULLDOZERS CLEAR UP

Bulldozers were brought in to help in the larger clearing-up jobs and carpenters and glaziers were at a premium throughout the town.

The Coast Guard official Board of Inquiry called a new session tomorrow morning in New York City in an attempt to determine the cause of the waterfront blast.

There was no mention in the statement of Admiral O'Neill of dynamite, which some reports said had exploded first and set off boxes of anti-personnel and anti-tank mines destined for Pakistan.

One witness told the opening session of the Coast Guard inquiry yesterday that two railway wagon loads of dynamite were near the 10 wagon loads of mines for Pakistan.

There was confusion over whether the shipment of the dynamite had been licensed.

One report said that the dynamite was consigned to Afghanistan.

An Afghanistan Embassy official said, however, that the only dynamite bought by his Government had already been shipped.

Hundreds were injured in the disaster. Rescue squads believed there was practically no possibility of finding any of the missing men still alive.

Six hundred tons of explosives roared into the air in a terrifying rumbles heard in three States late on Friday night. The explosives were being loaded from goods wagons on to barges to be taken to a ship in New York Bay.

Residents of the stricken area toiled throughout the weekend to restore some semblance of order and make temporary repairs to their battered homes. Soldiers were on emergency duty.

LOSS ESTIMATES

Fire insurance company executives have estimated the probable insured loss in the explosion and fire disaster at about $7,500,000.

Insurance men who have been in direct contact with their field representatives at the blast site called original estimates of damage too high.

South Amboy town officials had been quoted as saying that losses amounted to $20,000,000.

Hartford Insurance spokesmen said that $7,500,000 was a closer estimate but they would not guess at the amount of uninsured damage.—Reuter.

Clearing The Way For PI Meeting

Manila, May 22.—The Philippine armed forces were waging a vigorous suppression campaign on Sunday against the Communist front Huks south of Baguio, where seven or eight Asiatic nations will meet on Friday to discuss their problems.

Field reports said the soldiers were driving against the Huks just south of the mountain province where Baguio is located, apparently in an effort to forestall any government embarrassment during the conference.

The Government still has not announced the list of all countries sending delegations to the conference. India, Australia, Pakistan, Indonesia and the Philippines are definitely attending. Thailand and Ceylon are expected. Burma may send a representative.

Nationalist China and Korea will not attend because they are not invited. The Government was said to choose between those two which wanted a firm anti-Communist alliance and other countries which would not discuss an armed alliance.

WORD FRIGHTENED

Observers noted that the nations, basically opposed to Communism and supporting the Western democracy, shied from every mention of the term "anti-Communist" for the conference.

President Elpidio Quirino less than a year ago openly called for a union against Communism, but soon discovered if he wanted other Asiatic countries to join he had to call it an "economic" and "cultural" union.

A French-sponsored station said that Vietnam was not invited because the Philippines has not recognised Vietnam.

Indonesia is particularly against inviting countries now fighting Communism in a "hot war" because she feared that the Soviet veto would prevent the new Republic from getting full United Nations membership.—United Press.

All aboard the Ali Baba airlift

Tel-Aviv, May 21.—The first 250 Iraqi Jews arrived at Lydda airport this week in "Ali Baba" airlift operation.

Premier David Ben Gurion greeted these first arrivals with an appeal to his party to help Israel absorb newcomers.

Some 4,000 Iraqi Jews are expected to come here monthly according to plan.

Thus almost before the "Magic Carpet" operation transferring Yemen's Jews here was completed Iraqi Jews were starting to pour in.

The Premier said he expected some 2,000 young men to register before June 28th.—United Press.

LABOUR AND ELECTION

(Continued from Page 1.)

But the leaders arrived with several detailed documents setting down the views of the different sections of the Labour Movement. Two of the documents analysed the Labour strategy and the results of the last General Election in February, when the Government won its six-seat majority in the House of Commons.

Arguments presented in other documents were understood to include:

That Labour shall call a halt to nationalisation, when it has nationalised the iron and steel industry and the need to bring down the cost of living by a drastic reorganisation of distribution and marketing.

FUNDAMENTALS

The conference proved to be something more than a pre-election discussion. The fact that for the first time the three wings of Labour were meeting together led to a debate about some of the fundamental beliefs of British social democracy.

The five Co-operative representatives at the Dorking Conference pressed their views that the Co-operative organisation of producers—as well as consumers—was often a superior method of nationalisation.

The conference did not decide the date of the next elections—that decision rests with the Prime Minister.

But the fact that policy talks have taken place this weekend, coupled with the recent instructions to Labour Party branches to tune up their organisation, indicate that Labour plans to be prepared for a General Election any time after the end of June.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC PACT UNITY APPLAUDED

Baltimore, Maryland, May 21.—Senator Millard Tydings, chairman of the Senate Armed Forces Committee, said today that he felt that considerable progress had been made in welding the forces of Atlantic Pact nations together at the recent London meeting of the Foreign Ministers.

He said that creation of unity among pact nations was a "very great job".

"You have tradition to encounter. You find they have forces which are unbalanced. You think it is necessary in the interest of all that there be some sacrifice here and there of one kind of weapon or one kind of force in order that another one that is more needed may be built up. What you have to do is gradually work out an overall plan where each contributes to the defence of the whole what each can best contribute because of geography, industrial conditions or tradition." — United Press.

Chile To Fight Inflation

Santiago de Chile, May 21.—The Chilean Government plans to hold a progressively tighter rein on prices and wages to combat inflation the President, Senor Gabriel Gonzales Videla, said when he opened Parliament here today.

He emphasised Chile's need to intensify industrialisation, so that the country could develop its own raw materials and gradually become independent of foreign goods.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Remember last August when we were complaining about the heat and drought and not a breath of air stirring?"

Celebrating Their "Liberation"



The fifth anniversary of the "liberation" of the Czech Republic by the Communist Soviet Forces was celebrated in Prague recently by parades through the streets of the city. Girls and men in national picturesque costume followed by uniformed members of the fighting services carrying the inevitable portraits of Stalin.

The President's seat was taken

Buenos Aires, May 21.—Seven employees of the Buenos Aires Harbour Traffic Control office were discharged today because they allowed the British ship "Andes" to dock in berth reserved for the Argentine liner, "President Peron." — United Press.

Fathia goes on with her plans

San Francisco, May 21.—Princess Fathia and her commoner husband Riad Ghali went ahead today with plans for a Moslem wedding ceremony despite the new obstacle thrown in their path by her brother, King Farouk of Egypt.

The latest stumbling block is a combination of Moslem law, the age of the Princess and the continued objections of the King. It closed the only mosque in the United States to the couple's wedding.

At the request of the King, Rahmat Ali Khan, Imam of the recently-constructed mosque at Sacramento, California, "rejected" the ceremony, a mosque spkoesman said.

The spokesman explained: "Under Moslem law, a girl under 21 cannot marry if an objection is made by her father or eldest brother."

TOP SECRET

Farouk, eldest brother of the Princess, has objected vigorously to the marriage. The attractive Princess is only 19.

However, wedding preparations continued at the hotel where Fathila lives with her mother, Queen Nazli, and apart from Ghali, whom she married in a civil ceremony on April 25.

The prospective date for the wedding remains a top secret. Indications were that the ceremony might be performed in the next few days.

Despite the closing of the mosque to them, the couple should not find it difficult to complete the religious ceremony. A Moslem wedding is simple. Both parties must be Moslem. Neither must be under undue influence, they must consent to marry, and there must be witnesses.—United Press.

New Yugoslav Planes

Belgrade, May 21.—Marshal Tito today saw "new planes of home production" during the Yugoslav Air Day celebrations at Zemun, a military airfield near here, according to a Belgrade Radio report.

No other details of the planes were given.

Marshal Tito said he was glad the young Yugoslav Air Force, which was celebrating the eighth anniversary of the first partisan fight against the Germans, was now being equipped with its own planes.

"You have no other mission but to take care of your country," he declared. "You will never be sent against another country in order to threaten its independence."—Reuter.

Book Exhibition

A wide range of books, British publications, covering practically every field and appealing to a great many people, are on display at the Northcote Training College, Bonham Road.

Over 1,000 of the latest works in education, medicine, science, engineering and other technical subjects are being exhibited.

The exhibition is open to the public today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Wednesday from 2-5 p.m.

They'll stop us all from drowning

Columbus, Ohio, May 21.—A group of 20 scientists will begin investigations this week near the Arctic Circle to determine whether the world's great cities may eventually be drowned in water from melting polar icecaps.

One of the members of the group is Professor Richard Goldthwait of Ohio State University geology department. He will study the Baffin island icecap which is 90 miles long and 40 miles wide. His task is to determine whether this model size icecap is shrinking as a result of gradual warming of the world's climate.

The expedition is sponsored by the Arctic Institute of North America. Members set out for Baffin last week by Royal Canadian Air Force planes from Montreal and made the last leg of the trip in small ski equipped planes.

Scientists became interested in the problem of melting icecaps on the North and South Poles since about ten percent of the world's surface is covered by ice. Experts assert that if all the world's glacial ice melted, the sea level would rise 150 feet, inundating many important seaports including New York and London. Some leading glaciologists believe the ice has already begun to melt.

Baffin Island icecap is considered excellent for study since it is a relic of a great ice sheet that once covered North America as far south as Ohio.—United Press.

WAR NOT IMMINENT IF—

Washington, May 21.—The Secretary of Defence, Mr Louis Johnson, said today that war was not imminent as long as the people continued to back their government in having an "alert and ready" military force.

Mr Johnson did not deprecate the fact that a cold war was going on or that the United States might stumble into a war situation, but he said he was convinced the strength of the United States would continue to deter any aggressor.

Speaking on a radio network programme, the Secretary said that he and General Omar Bradley, chairman of the United Joint Chiefs of Staff, were going to the Far East next month because they wanted to know what was going on in different parts of the world.

"We realise we can stumble, by accident or a series of accidental adventures, into a war situation. That we want to avoid. Therefore we are interested not alone in Europe, but we are interested in any part of the world from which these accidents that make war might come."—United Press.

To Resume Post At Frankfurt

New York, May 21.—Benjamin J. Buttenweiser, assistant United States High Commissioner to Germany, left today to resume his post in Frankfurt after 10 days of conferences and speeches in the United States.

Mr Buttenweiser told reporters before his departure: "My view is that any United States platform should be available to any United States officials. That does not mean what's said on the platform should be accepted by those offering it. I would have been glad for someone to follow me and voice their disagreement with my speech."—United Press.

Times lauds help yourself principle

New York, May 21.—The Times editorial said today that the "Marshall Plan principle that the U.S. helps those who help themselves was kept in mind" at the Commonwealth meeting in Sydney to set up a fund to aid Southeast Asia.

"It was wise of the representatives in Sydney to start handling the problem as one concerning the Commonwealth. In the long run outside aid will be needed, not only because of the magnitude of the problems, but because much of the capital goods required could not be supplied within the Commonwealth.

BURMA WASTE

"Sydney reports make it clear how careful all Commonwealth statesmen were to avoid any suggestion that might impair the recent and hard-won independence of Southeast Asian states."

"At the same time, countries that need and want help are going to have to present legitimate projects and give adequate guarantees. Burma has been a notorious example of wasteful process, of receiving without thanks and giving nothing in return.

"The Sydney conference stressed self-help and mutual aid, not charity. That is the way of wisdom as we all learned with the European recovery programme."—United Press.

Sir Owen Dixon Off To India

New York, May 21.—Sir Owen Dixon, the Australian jurist, left New York today on the first stage of his mission as Mediator in the dispute over Kashmir.

He will stay in London for two days on the way to confer with Mr Trygve Lie, the Secretary General of the United Nations. Sir Owen expects to arrive in New Delhi on May 27 or 28.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

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6, "Hongkong Calling"—Programme Summary; 6.02, Children's Half Hour—Introduced by Jack Frost (Studio); 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 7, "The Richard Tauber Programme"—With Richard Tauber and the Melachrino Orchestra (BBCTS); 7.30, "Off the Record"—Presented by Ronnie Gibbons (Studio); 8, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 8.15, "I Like What I Like"—Presented by G.B. Howell (Studio); 8.45, Linda Cater "Talks on Films" (Studio); 9, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 9.10, Weather Report; 9.11, "Concert"—Handel's Concerto Grosso in G Minor, Op. 3, No. 10, Leon Goossens (Oboe) and the Liverpool Philharmonic Orch. Conducted by Basil Cameron. Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 4 in G Minor, Op. 40, Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and the Philadelphia Orch. conducted by Eugene Ormandy; 9.45, "Scotland Yard"—A Series of Dramatised Programmes on the Work of Scotland Yard. No. 4: "He Wanted to be a Director" (BBCTS); 10.15, Latin American Music—Enric Madriguera and His Orchestra; 10.30, "At the Ballet"—"Collilon"—(Chabrier) London Philharmonic Orchestra, cond. by Antal Dorati; 10.45, Dance to Russ Morgan and His Orchestra; 11, Radio Newsreel (London Relay); 11.15, Weather Report; 11.16, Good-night Music; God Save the King; 11.30, Close down.

Tito Says Russia Is "Pulling Back" Her Satellites

London, May 21.—Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia charged today that the tentacles of Russian bureaucracy were turning the clock back in the satellite countries.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from its Belgrade correspondent quoted the Yugoslav leader as saying in an interview that he saw no early prospect of these Cominform countries attempting to cast off the Soviet yoke.

Marshal Tito said "Soviet Socialism" was putting the brake on development in satellite nations and "pulling them backwards".

"Bureaucratic centralisation such as that of Russia exists not only inside the country but reaches out beyond its borders to all those countries subjected to it," he said.

The correspondent said that Marshal Tito, who was interviewed for an hour in his villa, was in remarkably good health. He will be 58 on Thursday.

DOING HARM

Asked if Yugoslavia was strong enough to oppose Cominform threat to upset his regime, Tito replied, "They can do harm and they are doing it, but what they are doing has no essential significance, for our pursuit of Socialism, successful development of the Five-Year Plan and internal unity of our people."

Marshal Tito said he was equally confident that they would not try a direct attack on Yugoslavia because "under no circumstances would the Soviet Union risk being an aggressor".

WRONG PATH

Asked when the Russians, from the Yugoslav viewpoint, first embarked upon the "wrong path," Marshal Tito replied: "Deviation began even before the last war."

He said "After the war, we quickly saw that the Russians had an incorrect conception of relations between big and little socialist states. Of course, we also looked critically, to a certain extent, at their past both in internal affairs and in foreign policy."

He gave as examples "the way they regarded pre-Hitlerite Germany and the question of Poland after the German invasion."—United Press.

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THAT THEY MAY LIVE

NEW SCORING SYSTEM ADVOCATED FOR THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

London, May 21.—The President of the Football League, Mr Arthur Drewry's, hint that the present points system needs changing and that more prizes should be awarded for goal scoring received a mixed welcome from English Football League officials.

Mr Drewry dropped the hint during the banquet which followed England's 4-1 victory over Belgium, adding: "After seeing the match today I think that something may be done about it."

A leading football legislator, Mr Wagstaff-Simmons, Director of Tottenham Hotspur, was not very impressed with the idea. He pointed out that any alteration to the system could not take effect next season as it was not on the agenda of the League's annual meeting on June 3.

"I do not know what Mr Drewry has in mind, but experience over the last 60 years has shown that the simple points scheme of two points for a win, one for a draw and one for a loss is the most satisfactory."

"INTRIGUING IDEA"

Chelsea's secretary-manager, Mr Billy Birrell, was more enthusiastic about what he called an "intriguing idea." "I am heartily in favour of any bonus or incentives to make football brighter. I have never heard of such a scheme proposed before and I do not know how it would be worked," he said.

Against the idea was Mr Jimmy Seed, manager of Charlton. He thought the present system was good enough and that any undue accent on goal scoring might affect the development of other phases of the game.

Apparently the reason for the suggested change being raised by Mr Drewry was the fact that the present system leads to too much concentration on defence.

After all, a club which does not concede a goal must gain at least a point and the players some bonus money. One scheme suggested in football circles is the award of one point for a draw, two for a win by a one-goal margin, three for a two-goal margin and so on. This, it is thought, would produce an enterprising type of football.—Reuter.

AFTER MORE FREEDOM

London, May 21.—A World Federation of soccer players is visualised by Mr Jimmy Guthrie, Chairman of the Players' Union (Britain), who thinks it will be formed within the next few years.

Mr Guthrie made this prediction when commenting on the action of the Stoke City players, Neil Franklin, the England centre-half, and George Mountford, in going to Colombia to take up duties with the Independience Santa Fe Club in Bogota, a club outside the International Football Federation (FIFA).

The Chairman of the Players' Union, who has been campaigning in Britain for freedom for players to do as they wish during the close season, said here that such a federation of players could counteract what he called "the present closed shop among the Federation of International Football Associations."—Reuter.

LAWTON DENIES REPORTS

Nottingham, May 21.—Tommy Lawton, international football player, today denied the reports that he would join other British players who left for Colombia to play with the Bogota Millionaires Club.

"I would not even consider any offer from Bogota," Lawton said. "I am prefectly happy here in Nottingham."—United Press.

PORTUGAL DECLINES

Lisbon, May 20.—Portugal will not take part in the World Soccer Championships in Brazil next month, it was learned here. The International Football Federation recently invited Portugal to fill out one of the two vacancies in the final stages of the competition.

Dr Fecco Vianna, a director of the Portuguese Football Federation, said today that M. Jules Rimet, the French President of the international body, had been informed that Portugal would not participate because she had been eliminated by Spain.

M. Rimet is on his way by sea to Rio de Janeiro to preside over the International Congress next month.—Reuter.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Lisbon, May 21.—Portugal and Scotland drew two goals all in their soccer international here today. All four goals were scored in the first half.—Reuter.

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Luxembourg, May 21.—England's "B" team, which has previously lost matches to Italy and Holland, today beat Luxembourg here by two goals to one after the home side had led by their goal at half-time.

Gales, centre-forward, scored for Luxembourg from a free-kick after 42 minutes, but Arsenal's Reg Lewis scored twice for England afterwards, once in the 33rd minute and again in the 77th minute of the game.—Reuter.

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Randall's Island Stadium, New York, May 21.—The Zeritkas football team from Turkey today defeated the American League All-Stars by five goals to three after leading by three goals to nil at half-time.—Reuter.

Two Notices For Louis

Chicago, May 21.—Former heavyweight champion Joe Louis received two notices yesterday.

The Collector of Internal Revenue filed a $58,939 income tax lien against him for unpaid 1947 income taxes plus interest.

And his former wife, Marva Trotter Louis, announced plans to marry again.

The tax lien was filed on Friday for $53,083 in levies. Mrs Louis announcement also was made on the same day. She said she would marry Dr Albert Lee Spaulding, a Chicago physician, at the home of a friend next Saturday.

She married Louis in 1934. They were divorced in 1945 but remarried in 1946. A second divorce was granted in 1949.—United Press.

FRIENDLY AGAIN

Belgrade, May 21.—Belgrade beat Rome in a boxing match before 15,000 people here today. Belgrade won five of the eight fights, losing two and one was adjudged a draw.—Reuter.

SHADOW TEAM QUARTET



Four members of the England "B" soccer team who have just completed a tour of the continent during which they played Italy, Holland and Luxembourg. They are, from the left, Jessie Pye (Wolves), Reg Lewis (Arsenal), Walter Winterbottom (team manager) and Eddie Bailey (Spurs).—Express.

Quarter Finals Reached In European Zone Of Davis Cup Tournament

London, May 21.—The second round Davis Cup ties of the European zone were continued today at various centres.

Ireland and France had won their ties yesterday while the Philippines had received a walk-over from Peru.

The first to finish today was the Sweden-Norway tie at Oslo where Sweden, having won two singles and a doubles earlier, completed the rout of Norway by winning the remaining singles for a 5-0 success.

Torsten Johansson beat Torgny Haanes 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 and Sven Davidsson beat Nils Erick Hesten 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

Sweden meet the Philippines in the third round.

BELGIUM THROUGH

Belgium beat Yugoslavia at Zagreb by three matches to two, each side winning a singles to lay so that the Belgian doubles success of yesterday virtually settled the tie.

Today Drago Mitic (Yugoslavia) levelled the match as a whole by beating Jack Birchant 7-5, 6-1, 6-3, but Philippe Washer (Belgium) took the decisive match against Milan Branovic 6-4, 6-1, 6-1.

Italy reached the third round when they won the doubles against Luxemburg at Luxemburg to gain a winning lead of three matches to nil.

Marcello Del Bello and Giovanni Cucelli beat Sven Geza Wertheim and Gaston Wampach 6-0, 6-2, 6-1.

AND DENMARK . . .

The Denmark-Egypt tie at Copenhagen was formally awarded to Denmark who held a winning lead of three matches to nil when rain prevented the two outstanding singles from being completed.

One was started and Kurt Nielsen (Denmark) took the first set 14-12 against Marcel Coen but lost the next 6-8.

Then rain stopped play and it was arranged to play the rubbles on a covered court.

Judges ruled, however, that this would not count, not having been played on grass.

Earlier, Denmark had made certain of success by winning the doubles which had been halted by rain yesterday when the Danes, Nielsen and Larsen, were behind at 2-6, 6-7.

Today they played brilliantly to win the match 2-6, 9-7, 6-4, 6-3.—Reuter.

Bing Crosby Late At St. Andrew's

St Andrew's, May 20.—Americans took the worst this cradle of golf could offer today in the way of weather and came through sheets of rain and bitter ocean winds with high seas for the 55th British Amateur Championships which opens on Monday.

Practically every golfer among the record 311 entry took a crack at "the old course" where the championships will be played. The one exception was Bing Crosby who had not appeared by mid-afternoon.

(Crosby arrived at Dover from Paris by channel steamer late today and was last reported driving in the direction of Scotland).

Meanwhile gifts for Bing from his Scottish admirers — mostly feminine — were piling up in the Royal and Ancient clubhouse and officials were worrying about the size of the gallery. They remembered the unmanageable 12,000 who followed Bobby Jones when he won the Championship in 1930, and they shuddered at the idea of a repeat performance.

Bookmakers made Willie Turnesa of Elmsford, New York, the favourite to win the tournament to six to one with Frank Stranahan, of Toledo, Ohio, and defending champion, Sam MacReady of Ireland both seven to one. It was MacReady who beat Stranahan in this tournament last year. — United Press.

"ONE ROUND" CROSBY

London, May 20. — Bing Crosby arrived in England from Paris today so far behind schedule that whatever chance he had of winning the British amateur golf tournament faded.

Crosby, reported "mysteriously missing" by Paris reporters, stepped off a channel steamer at Dover today, threw his golf clubs in one Rolls Royce, climbed in another and headed north in the general direction of Scotland.

Because the St. Andrew's course is closed on Sunday, Bing will tee off on Monday against J.K. Wilson, Canadian-born Scots amateur hillbilly singer without even a practice round on one of the most erratic courses in the world. Friends said Bing is trying to live up to the name he gave himself — "One Round" Crosby.—United Press.

JOHN MACADAM'S COLUMN

'The Silly Season' Will Be Fun

This is the season of the year, with the U.K. Soccer international situation resolved, the League ups-and-downs settled beyond dispute, and Rio just round the corner, big golf a matter for conjecture, and athletics in a nebulous condition—this is the season of the year, we say, when column-writers tend to go mad.

We are in what you might call the silly season of sport; the season that drives hard-bitten news men to leave the politicians alone and find a Loch Ness monster, or search for the lost continent of Atlantis, or maybe a sunken Spanish galleon with holds stuffed with pieces of eight.

With that eight-month Soccer season that starts in a late spell of good weather, moves normally through a long spell of execrable weather, and finishes in blinding sunshine, you know more or less where you are.

There are the usual players who "went away because the town doesn't suit their wives' health." There are signings and discoveries and Cup-tie ticket scandals, and directors who throw over managers of long service because the team is not getting the points.

It all conforms to a pattern, and the pattern doesn't change from year to year. Only the names are different.

But with the short interregnum of summer sport, you don't know where you stand.

A POINTER

So with Soccer depending for the maintenance of public interest on the World Cup series in Rio (where we shall be also, help us seven more), and boxing depending on Woodcock-Savold there is only this queer, compressed segment of the sporting calendar at which one can merely guess.

Well, one guess is as good as another, and there is a pointer to the kind of thing you can expect in the week-end report of a Lenglen tennis girl who smiled for the first time in a vital match only after she had gone through a formality more commonly observed in a cathedral than on a tennis court.

We have seen boxers do the same thing and wondered what religion has to do with either the left hook or the volley.

It will go on in this wise until August, when all the talk will be again on the lines of: "Can Pompey do it for the third time?" or "Is this Wolves' year?"

Meantime, Old Moore Mandam prognosticates that Bing Crosby will sing "Empty Saddles in the Old Corral" around the 14th green in his first match in the British Amateur Open golf championship.

He also feels that Wisden boys on one ground after another will find (this on the strength of the Met. forecasts) that the West Indians will have played at ten degrees lower temperature and in five inches more rainfall than ever in the history of a West Indians side.

There will also be Yorkshire, who will have given more youngsters a chance than any other ten counties (they will be in there at the death as usual) and provided the MCC with the fast bowler it prays for daily.

Not to speak of the revolver shot at Rio (probably a squib left over from a far-flung fiesta), the quarrels between the Wimbledon chaps, and the utter degradation, maybe, of a professional captaining England.

Yes, it's going to be silly for a month or two, perhaps—but, again, it's going to be fun.

—(London Express Service)

How To Break World Records

"JUST HARD WORK" SAYS MARSHALL

New York.—John Marshall, the young Australian who has become a world champion swimmer at Yale University in the USA, says it is not a miracle—it's just hard work that improved him.

"For the first few months I was at Yale I worked on the body-building exercises of coach Bob Kiphuth, along with the other Yale varsity and freshman swimmers," Marshall said. "Of course, we did a lot of work in the pool, too, but the exercises were the main thing.

"I gained 10 pounds, and now I weigh 176 pounds. Most of the new weight is in my arms and shoulders, where it does me the most good for swimming. But it was several months before that programme actually began to show results."

In December, four months after Marshall began his gruelling routine, the first impressive results could be seen. He did 2:10.8 for 220 yards as the Yale freshmen set a record for the relay.

"REAL PROGRESS"

"I spent the Christmas holidays at the home of my teammate, Wayne Moore, who lives in Bridgeport, near Yale," Marshall said. "Each day we drove to New Haven for training. During this time I broke my first world record when I did an even three minutes for 300 yards. The record was 3:03.3. I knew then that I was making real progress and that I could be a real world champion swimmer. The practice during the vacation whipped it into us."

Since then, Marshall has bettered four world records. He did 4:29.5 for the 400-metres, 4:31.2 for 440 yards, 2:05.5 for 220 yards and 2:04.6 for 200 metres, all freestyle. All these records were for a 25-yard pool.

Marshall talks easily and naturally about his swimming success, displaying neither false modesty nor overconfidence.

"I don't know how I would do against the great Japanese swimmer Hironoshin Furuhashi, but I will swim against him whenever Mr Kiphuth and the other sports authorities arrange it," he said. "Perhaps it will not be until the 1952 Olympics. Furuhashi and I both are young; maybe we both will improve."—United Press.

JAGUARS BEAT MACAO 17-3

Jaguars beat Macao 17-3 in the softball match played yesterday at the Meleo Club ground there. Jaguars had 12 hits against Macao's three.

Ollie Vas, Jaguars' manager, hit a three-bagger. Umberto Mose of Jaguars scored two runs.

Macao put up a fine display against the Hongkong team but lacked experience.

AUTOMATIC TIMING APPARATUS TRIED OUT AT NEWMARKET

London, May 21.—A new automatic timing apparatus, which combines a specially modified race-finish recording camera with a timing component recording one-hundredths of a second, had a satisfactory try-out during the Newmarket meeting last week.

After racing on the opening day it was officially stated that races up to one mile, finishing at the Rowley mile winning post (the finishing post for the Guineas), will be officially timed and the time announced over loudspeakers.

The starting gates for races of over a mile have been wired but the switches have not been installed.

Though it was not intended to give official times on the opening day, the judge called for a picture of the finish of the Pampisford Stakes and this provided racegoers with the first automatic recorded time in the country.

The winner, the favourite, Scalicliot, covered the five furlongs in 1 min. 4-42/100 secs.

VARYING CONDITIONS

Where human beings are concerned, the fastest man one day is usually the fastest man always and he invariably wins his event. In the case of animals, however, it is different. Not only in respect of horses but of greyhounds too.

It is not so much that the dumb animal is any less consistent than his human counterpart, but rather because of the varying conditions under which the animals, particularly the horse, run.

To provide a true comparison in the matter of time taken in previous races by the competitors one should study not only the weather conditions and the going at the time but also the track on which the time was recorded.

These vary considerably from the straight sprint with a downhill incline in it to the curved sprint with, perhaps, an upward incline in it.—Reuter.

WORLD RECORD

Chicago, May 21.—Mals Boy, ridden by Bob Dean Jessop, equalled the world record of 57.2 secs. for five furlongs on Saturday when easily winning the race at Washington Park.

The American record of 57.4 secs. set by the two-year-old Miss Star at Aqueduct 28 years ago was beaten. The world mark was established in 1913 by the five-year-old mare, Pan Zareta, at Juarez, Mexico.—Reuter.

USED A BATTERY

Louisville, Kentucky, May 21.—George Atkins, a jockey, was suspended from racing on Saturday for using a battery on his mount, Hallieboy, at Churchill Downs.

The presiding Steward, Mr Sam H. McMeekan, said that Atkins admitted his guilt. Despite the battery, a device which shocks a horse to run faster, Hallieboy was not placed.

The battery, described as a sharp stimulant on horses, was one which fitted into the hand and horses are more susceptible to such shocks than are humans.—Reuter.

THE PREAKNESS

Baltimore, May 20.—Hill Prince, the favourite, owned by Mr C. T. Chenery, beat Kentucky Derby winner Middleground to the finish wire of the 74th Preakness today. Middleground was second by about five lengths and Dooly was third.

The victory was worth $56,115 to Mr Chenery. It shot Hill Prince to the fore in his duel with King Ranch's Middleground for the 1950 three-year-old championship. Hill Prince ran the mile and three-sixteenth in 1:59.½, which was 3-½ secs. slower than the record for the Stake and the distance. Hill Prince paid $3.40 to win and $2.40 to place. Middleground paid $3.20 for second. There was no third place betting because wagering interests were limited to five horses.—Associated Press.

VICTORIA CUP

Hurst Park, Sydney, May 20.—Mrs F. Signall's Star Signal won the Victoria Cup, run over seven furlongs, here today. The Duke of Norfolk's Burpham was second and Mr A. Saunder's Dramatic was third.

The betting was: 25 to 1, Star Signal, 6 to 1 Burpham, 5 to 1 joint favourite Dramatic, Barnes Park was the other 5 to 1 joint favourite.

The race was won by three lengths, with a neck separating the second and the third horses.—Reuter.

L'POOL SUMMER CUP

Liverpool, May 20.—Mr C. A. Blyth's Kilbelin won the Liverpool Summer Cup here this afternoon. Mr A. Bernie's Brawby Lad was second and Major D. McCalmont's Red Carnation was third. A field of four ran.

The betting was: 5 to 4 against the favourite, Kilbelin, 6 to 1 Brawby Lad, 7 to 4 Red Carnation.

The race was won by Kilbelin by three lengths, the same distance separating Brawby Lad and Red Carnation.—Reuter.

TRACK & FIELD

Cunningham's Record Goes

Lincoln, Nebraska, May 21.—Nebraska won the Big Seven outdoor track meet today, but Bob Karnes of Kansas won the mile run to break Glenn Cunningham's 18-year-old Conference record.

The host team took its first Big Seven track title since 1942 in the rain that muddied the field after Karnes set a mark of 4:12.6 compared with Cunningham's time of 4:13.3.

Nebraska piled up 105¾ points. Colorado came in second with 84½ but their George Holley set one of the three records of the day with a javelin throw of 204 feet, 2 inches.—United Press.

HEPTAGONAL GAMES

New Haven, Connecticut, May 20.—Musclemen Jim Fuchs and Vic Frank and miler George Wade won individual titles as Yale dethroned Army, defending champions, in the Heptagonal Track and Field Games today.

Fuchs set a new meet record in the shot put with a mighty heave of 58 feet 2 inches—the third longest toss in history.

Frank won the discus throw and Wade came through with a powerful finishing kick to cop the mile.

Yale finished with 62.1/6th points and Cornell second with 44.1/10th. Army just nosed out Pennsylvania for third place with 35.14/15th points to 35.1/3th.

Princeton, Harvard, Dartmouth, Brown and Columbia followed in that order.—United Press.

Marjorie Jackson Beaten

Los Angeles, May 20.—Marjorie Jackson, the Australian sprinter, who won the 100 yards and 220 yards events in the British Empire Games in New Zealand recently, was beaten today in a special 100 yards sprint by a foot by an 18-year-old Negro girl, Jean Patton of Tennessee.

Miss Patton's time was 11.2 seconds, which equalled her own American record but was far slower than the world record of 10.8 seconds held jointly by Miss Jackson and Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen, of Holland.

Miss Jackson led for 75 yards when Miss Patton sprinted ahead and managed to hold off a strong challenge to win by a foot.—Reuter.

HAMMER RECORD

Budapest, May 20.—World and Olympic champion hammer thrower Imre Nemeth broke his own world record Friday with a toss of 59.86 metres (196 ft. 5½ ins). The former record was 59.57 metres.—United Press.

County Cricket Standings

London, May 20.—The following were the positions in the English County Cricket Championship table up to and including matches ended May 19:

COUNTY STANDINGS

	P	W	L	D	No Dec	1st inns in match lost	1st inns in match drawn	Pts
Warwickshire	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	30
Surrey	4	2	0	1	1	0	1	28
Worcester	4	1	0	1	0	0	1	16
Middlesex	4	1	2	1	0	0	1	16
Sussex	4	1	1	2	0	1	0	12
Derbyshire	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	12
Essex	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	12
Lancashire	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	12
Leicester	4	1	0	3	0	0	3	8
Gloucester	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	8
Hampshire	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	8
Notts	3	0	0	3	1	0	2	4
Yorkshire	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	4
Kent	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Somerset	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Glamorgan	5	0	2	2	1	0	0	0

BATTING AVERAGES

The first 12 in first class cricket averages in England:
Batting: (qualification 4 completed innings with average of 50 or better).

	Inns	N.O.	R	Highest	Av.
R. T. Simpson (Notts)	6	2	609	230 not out	152.25
Weekes (West Indies)	5	1	593	304 not out	148.25
J. G. Dewes (Cambridge)	5	1	433	193	108.75
D. S. Sheppard (Cambridge)	5	0	432	227	86.40
G. A. Edrich (Lancs)	5	0	419	247	83.80
Walcott (West Indies)	4	1	242	128	80.66
G. Cox (Sussex)	6	2	483	165 not out	80.50
L. E. G. Ames (Kent)	4	0	293	119	73.75
D. Compton (Middlesex)	6	1	343	144	68.60
G. M. Emmett (Gloucestershire)	7	1	400	108	66.66
N. H. Rogers (Hampshire)	6	0	398	131	66.33
D. V. Smith (Sussex)	8	1	437	200 not out	62.42

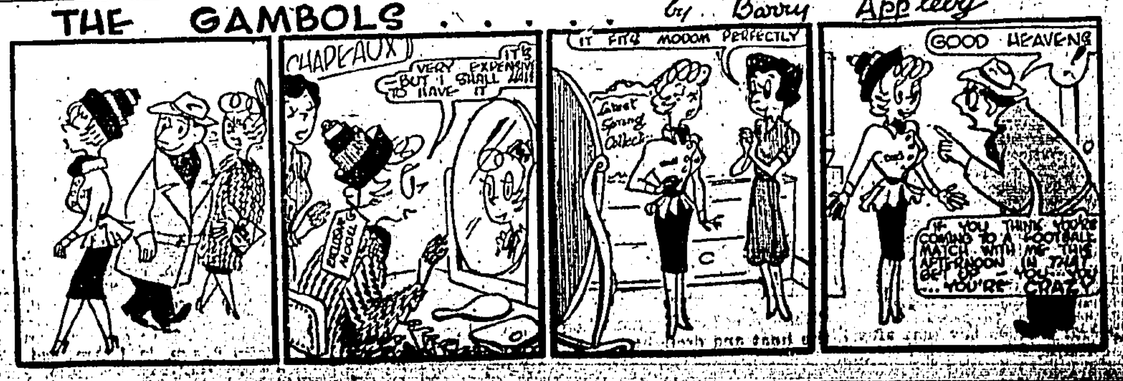
BOWLING AVERAGES

Bowling: (Qualification 11 wickets for average of 22 or better).

	O	M	R	W	Av.
T. E. Bailey (Essex)	154	44	323	26	12.42
V. H. D. Cannings (Hampshire)	76	23	150	12	12.50
A. V. Bedser (Surrey)	200	63	410	27	15.18
J. C. Laker (Surrey)	190.5	67	365	23	15.86
L. Jackson (Derbyshire)	82.1	15	239	15	15.93
R. Berry (Lancashire)	287	121	432	27	16.00
E. H. Gray (Middlesex)	90.4	25	183	11	16.54
W. E. Hollies (Warwickshire)	226.3	82	497	30	16.56
T. W. Pritchard (Warwick)	187.1	58	595	31	18.83
R. T. D. Perma (Worcestershire)	113.2	34	339	17	19.94
R. V. Divecha (Oxford University)	219.5	60	443	22	20.09

—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby



• FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS •

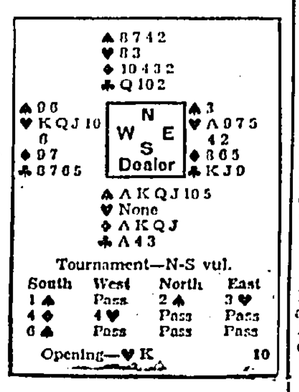
McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

If Bid Is Bold Play Carefully

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

AN expert card player can afford to indulge in optimistic bidding occasionally, and often makes a game that a less confident player would fail to bid. In today's hand South was undaunted by his partner's minimum response to his opening bid, and proceeded to bid the hand to a slam. His play, however, was not based on optimism. By careful planning before playing to the first trick, he found the way to make the contract.

If he had used his low trump to ruff the opening lead of the king of hearts, he would have lost, but he carefully ruffed with the ten of spades. Now he led three rounds of spades, winning the first two with the ace and king and the third with the seven in dummy. Next, dummy's last heart was led and trumped.



Tournament—N-S vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	3 ♥
4 ♦	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening—♥ K 10

After cashing the final trump, South ran off four rounds of diamonds, then led the three of clubs. When West played low, he finessed dummy's ten-spot, and East won with the jack.

East could do nothing but return a club and give the optimistic bidder his contract.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What is the largest vehicular tunnel in the world?

2. For her performance in what picture did Vivien Leigh receive the Academy Award in 1940?

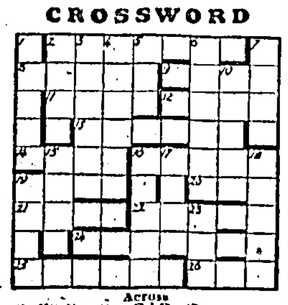
3. In what year did the villagers of Oberammergau begin their performance of "The Passion Play"?

4. Give the full title of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."

5. Name the volcano that is said to be the deepest in the world.

(Answers on Page 8)

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Hustles the C.I.D. (7)
8. If you are, you're in debt. (5)
9. Schoolboy's warning cry. (4)
11. A dislocated chin. (4)
12. This could be the basement. (4)
13. Rule by right. (6)
14. How the go-getter rode. (4)
16. By no means silent. (5)
19. Can be a bale, you see. (4)
20. Unit of weight that varies with different goods. (3)
21. Turn over the list. (6)
22. Mental weariness from lack of occupation. (5)
24. Would you say a winning K.O. had made a this. (7)
25. Interfere. (6)
26. Hush! (3)

Down
1. Obviously seen that little Edward is absent. (5)
2. If you can, you'll keep afloat. (4)
3. Shoemaker's thread rubbed with beeswax. (6)
4. One good turn may deserve one. (6)
5. Expresses disgust. (3)
6. Agricultural school? No, sir! (6)
7. Meat providers. (4)
10. Rendezvous. (5)
15. Musical instrument. (4)
17. Keeps the mockers. (5)
18. Take a breather here. (4)
23. Closing spot. (5)
24. A peculiar lily. (4)
25. Anyone who does is asking for trouble. (3)

DUMB-BELLS



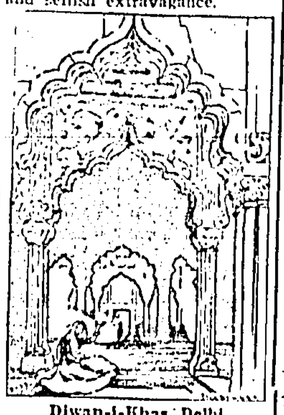
AROUND THE WORLD

DELHI IS AN OLD AND NEW CITY

By TEMPLE MANNING

DELHI was once the capital of the Old Mogul Empire, and was the administrative headquarters of British India until 1929 when New Delhi became the capital.

The administrative buildings of New Delhi may be grand and most impressive, but nothing can or will ever equal the wonderful buildings of old Delhi, especially those of Shah Jahan, monuments to vanity and selfish extravagance.



Diwan-i-Khas, Delhi.

Tourists really had something to see as they rode through Chandi Chank or "Silver Square", a mile long street of bazaars and beautiful public buildings, through the red sandstone gateway of Shah Jahan's Fort.

This prepared them for the experience of passing under the grand archway of the Lahore Gate into the palace, passing a vaulted archway into the Great Court.

LATTICE WORK

Then comes the Diwan-i-Am, the Hall of Public Audience, 100 by 60 feet, open on three sides, with many rows of sandstone pillars and panels of Florentine mosaic on a black marble background.

And as for the Diwan-i-Khas, where private audience was granted, scholars, architects and just plain folks always say that this is the most gorgeous and royal hall not only in India but in the entire world.

It has massive columns, ornamented with capitals of pure gold, and elaborate designs of semi-precious stones. The ceiling is a climax of golden glory, the colonnades make a marvellous vista of white and gold.

Under the hall floor ran an artificial stream over an alabaster bed, which served to cool the terrace when the king was present.

The river side of the pavilion is rich with exquisite lattice work in marble, delicate as gold filagree, and there is a marble screen that is beyond description.

YOUR BIRTHDAY.... By STELLA

MONDAY, MAY 22

IF you are born on this first day of the incoming sign, Gemini, you also will inherit some of the characteristics of the outgoing sign, Taurus. This gives you a very complex nature which many will find exceedingly difficult to understand. The duality of Gemini under the rulership of Mercury, the God of Knowledge, will bring you talents beyond the average. But your touch of genius is combined with a restlessness which makes concentration to a single ideal sometimes very difficult.

This tendency is somewhat minimised by your nearness to the Taurus influence which will give you a tenacity to a single objective—provided you can make up your mind exactly what it is! This seeming contradiction will vary in degree, in direct proportion to the amount of personal initiative which you put into life.

You have a loving nature and attract many people by your charm and magnetic personality. Be guarded in the contacts you make, however, for marriage with someone who is not on your cultural level can only bring unhappiness.

Original in your thinking, you do not like being forced into doing anything. You can be persuaded tactfully by those whom you love and admire, however. But anyone who tries to push you into a decision will come up against a stone wall of opposition.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Be conservative in both act and speech this morning. Tactfulness will pay the best dividends.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—A day in which controlled emotions are highly necessary. Use self-control in everything!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Don't be too adventuresome this morning. Stick to familiar routine if you want the best results.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Conditions will call for clear-headed action this morning. Keep on your toes. Alertness pays.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Meet all situations calmly and tackle problems with tact. Troubles can be made to vanish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Exert self-control and you will win out today. Afternoon brightens considerably.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Be politic this morning and irritations will disappear. Afternoon and evening are good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—There are upsetting tendencies early today, but you can dissipate them by co-operative action.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Postpone new arrangements until things have calmed down a little.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Haste makes waste; so take your time in everything. The hours after lunch can be excellent.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Diplomatic actions can turn difficulties into advantages. Plan a social event for this evening.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Generally favourable if you remain calm and collected even in the face of a crisis.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

STATISTICS

By T. O. HARE

"SCOTLAND YARD'S doing a grand job these days," said Hadger to my friend Rabbitt.

"True enough," said Rabbitt. "There used to be an expression: 'Getting away with murder.' You can't easily get away with murder nowadays."

"I haven't tried to," said Rabbitt.

"Look at the statistics," said Badger. "Five years ago—I have this on good authority—one murder in 10 went undetected. No suspicion at all. Now the proportion is down to 7 per cent."

"An improvement to the tune of 3 per cent," said Weasel, who prides himself on being a lightning calculator.

"Three per cent? Thirty per cent," said Badger.

"You're both wrong," said Rabbitt. "Your basis of calculation should be the percentage of murders that are spotted. That makes the percentage of improvement exactly 3%.

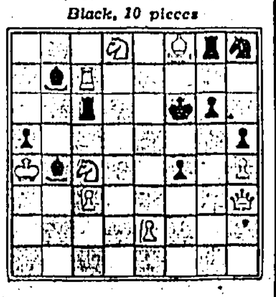
What would be your point of view?

(Solution on Page 8)

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. F. E. FLATAU

Black, 10 pieces



White, 9 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1, Q—Q1, any; 2, Q, R, or Kt mates.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE other day the old story cropped up about an American who bought a Murillo, and, finding it too large for his purpose, hacked a bit of it off. I wonder if anyone knows who it was who, in the eighteenth century, cut away some of Rembrandt's "The Night Watch," so that it would fit into a required space.

Once in a snug inn at Terneuzen, that happy little Dutch town of mine by the Scheldt, a man nearly knocked another down, because he said that "The Night Watch" is a daylight scene, with the sun out. But so it is. I suppose the explanation is that the Watch were setting out for daylight exercises.

Rueda

I SEE that there is a Spanish dancer who calls herself Rueda. A very pretty idea, for Rueda is a little village near Medina del Campo (of the horrible stagnant lagoons) which produces a dear little white wine, soft as the song of a sleepy woodlark, but, like all Spanish wines, strong as a Percheron horse. You may drink it at your ease in the *castellana* at Medina. I hope Isabella la Catholica, who died there, had a hogshead or two of it always at hand. That I tell you such things as this is a measure of my esteem for you.

Anything for a change

The day is coming when coat smelling of violets or whisky will be delivered to home or factory.

(News item.)

THE day, then, is doubtless coming when a pretty girl will wear a small bunch of coal attached to her coat, and when a glass of soda water with a bit of coal in it will give the effect of a whisky and soda. Apart from that I do not see much point in this marvel of science.

From Mrs Rumpus

Vote Labour And Get Full Marx.

We Have The Best Seats, They Want Them.

It's An Ill Wind That Blows Nobody Food.

—(London Express Service)

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

U.S. shipbuilding at "dangerously low figure"

Washington, May 21.—In connection with the celebration of "National Maritime Day' on May 22, the joint Committee for American Merchant Marine, which is the spokesman for private shipping industry, said that the United States shipbuilding industry is "at a dangerously low point, while foreign competition in both building and operation has increased."

The Committee reported that merchant vessels partly under construction or ordered by all countries comprise 8,842,000 deadweight tons, of which 1,012,000 passenger, 2,562,000 freighter and 5,268,000 tankers.

The United Kingdom leads with 2,280,000 tons, Norway second with 2,156,000; France third, 693,000 tons; Panama, fourth, 563,000 tons; and Sweden fifth, 558,000 tons.

United States merchant vessels under construction are only 187,000 tons, including 69,000 passenger, 11,000 freighter and 110,000 tankers. The U.S. total is reported to be less than Japan which has 187,000 tons.

UK LEADS

The United Kingdom total of the merchant fleet in 1949 was reported to be 21,621,000 tons in 2,560 vessels, while the United States private non-government fleet was 14,171,000.

According to the United States Maritime Commission statistics, the United States total of merchant fleet in 1949, government plus private ships, numbered 3,514 ocean-going vessels with a deadweight tonnage of 37,417,100. This compared with the total of merchant fleet of the British Empire countries, 3,140 of 25,088,000 tons.—United Press.

Cereals Quiet

Chicago, May 20.—Grain prices today generally favoured the downside at the close of the market after a narrowly mixed start.

Nearby soya bean contracts were under pressure during most of the session on the news that the Economic Co-operation Administration had suspended further grants for the purchase of soya beans for export.

Trading in other cereals was quiet, with prices holding under the previous levels, despite the forecast of further unsettled weather in the winter wheat belt.—United Press.

COTTON COLUMN

Rise in raw cotton exports?

New York, May 20.—Optimistic news from the textile trade, where buyers covered heavily on print goods to the end of the year, and prospects for a substantial rise in raw cotton exports kept the cotton futures market on the upgrade during the past week.

At Friday's close the list ruled 15 to 56 points higher than the preceding week.

Factors contributing to the rise included strength in the Stock Market, along with inflationary sentiment, plus optimistic predictions in the general business outlook and prospects of a tightening supply situation in view of the much smaller acreage to be planted this year and the potentially serious threat of damage by insects.

Covering by shippers was associated with export sales, presumably to Japan, and anticipation of a broadening demand from European countries against a substantial volume of E.C.A. cotton purchase authorisations calling for shipment by the middle of June.

JAPS SEEKING

The Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry announced that an additional, but undisclosed, amount of raw cotton will be sought in the American market for June, July or August shipment.

The new purchases represent a continuation of the regular programme for supplying the textile industry of Japan with the required raw materials. Japan revealed that it is requesting permission to double its cotton spinning capacity.

Crop news generally was considered more favourable. The Government weekly summary said that normal temperatures favoured growth, but more sunshine would be beneficial, especially in the central belt. Moderate to heavy rains in the main belt were generally favourable in the South Atlantic and East Gulf coastal plains, although heavy moisture delayed the completion of planting and retarded cultivation in the south-western sections.

The Department of Agriculture estimated that the 1949-50 world production of cotton rose to the third highest level in history, totalling 31,220,000 bales of 500 pounds each, compared with 20,140,000 bales in the previous season.—United Press.

NY Market

New York, May 20.—Cotton futures edged into new seasonal high ground today in a quiet situation. After rising as much as a dollar a bale, the list in subsequent dealings met wild profit-taking and closed 2 to 10 points higher.

The mild upswing reflected the recent heavy activity in the Worth Street cotton goods district, expectations of continued good export sales and the rising securities market.

Prices closed as follows:—

SPOT (in cents per lb.)	
	33.79 nominal
July	33.04-05
October	31.73-74
December	31.69
March (1951)	31.75
May	31.74-75
July	31.26
October	29.71

—United Press.

New Orleans Market

Closing prices at the New Orleans Cotton Futures Market on Saturday were:

SPOT (in cents per lb.)	32.75
July	32.90
October	32.60
December	31.56-63
March (1951)	31.69
May	31.63
July	31.19 bid
October	29.65 bid

—United Press.

Raw Exports

New York, May 20.—Raw cotton exports, as reported by the New York Cotton Exchange, for 1949-50 season to May 10th were as follow:—

	Bales
Great Britain	641,700
Continent	2,484,354
Orient	1,154,483
Canada	343,202
Total for the season, including linters	4,503,804
Linters	171,000
Total for the season, excluding linters	4,422,804
Same period last year, excluding linters	3,897,902

—United Press.

TEXTILES HIT ROCK BOTTOM

New York, May 20.—Buyers in the basic textile markets this week apparently favoured the conclusion that prices have hit rock bottom levels. That assumption found reflection in the following developments:

Firstly, the consummation of tremendous business in the 80-square 4-yard fabric in the cotton gray goods market. Secondly, the withdrawal of spring lines by a number of worsted manufacturers producing men's wear fabrics pending stabilisation of worldwide raw wool prices. Thirdly, rayon yarn trade predictions for higher prices in view of the demands of labour for higher wages, pensions and other benefits.

Worth Street cotton goods distributors enjoyed the biggest volume of business since last autumn. Sales of the 80-square fabric reached astronomical proportions.

Executives said that it would be guesswork to estimate the volume of business, but some placed the figure at over 175,000,000 square yards over the past week or ten days, with continuing inquiry for goods extending into the first quarter of next year. New business developed at a relatively slower pace in meetings and other constructions.

RATHER WAIT

Some converters said that they preferred to wait for developments in the wholesale and retail distributing field before coming to a definite conclusion, but other quarters said that out-of-town buyers, along with chain store and mail order outlets were checking the market on prices and deliveries as the week closed.

The sudden complete reversal in print cloths after several months of dullness, besides reflecting the belief that prices had reached their lowest level, included a revival of inflationary sentiment, generated by government spending and increased wage demands.

Optimistic predictions on the general business outlook, along with firmness in the stock market and basic commodities markets, as well as large scale Army inquiries for a variety of textiles were other background influences.—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

Transactions at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning were worth $57,215.

Noon quotations were:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank ..		10	@ 1240
East Asia ..	101		
INSURANCES			
Union	540		
DOCKS, ETC.			
Provident ..	9.60	250	@ 9.60
S'hai Dock ..	2.40		
Wheelock	21		
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel ..	.71½		
HK Land ..		38 60	@ 37½
S'hai Land ..	1	1000	@ 1
UTILITIES			
Tram		300	@ 11
Electric		400	@ 21½
Telephone ..	14		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy		500	@ 32
Watson		10	@ 22
COTTONS			
Ewo	1.70	1300	@ 1.80
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtze		2000	@ 2.60
Asia Nav.	65c	2000	@ 65c

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

Sterling pound note (per £)	15.25
U.S. dollars (per $1)	6.025
NEI guilders (per 100)	3.50
Siam ticals (per 100)	25.00
Singapore (Straits)	1.78
FIC piastres (per 100)	1.20

MONDAY, MAY 22
Closing Times By Air

Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo (Nairobi, Mombasa, Dar-es-Salaam, Mauritius and Johannesburg via Cairo), Rome and, London, 5 p.m.
Singapore, Djakarta, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.
Bangkok and Colombo, 5 p.m.
Japan, 5 p.m.
Taipeh, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Japan, 10 a.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 23
Closing Times By Air

Manila, Honolulu and USA (letters, second class mail and parcels), Guam (letters and second class mail), Canada (letters only), 5 p.m.
Haiphong and Saigon, 5 p.m.
Bangkok, 5 p.m.
Taipeh, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Formosa via Keelung, 9 a.m.
Mauritius and South Africa via Durban, 10 a.m.
Canada via Vancouver, B.C., 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24
Closing Times By Air

Manila, 11 a.m.
Taipeh, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Straits, Ceylon, Madagascar, Aden, Egypt and Marseilles, 3 p.m.
Japan, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 25
Closing Times By Air

Canada & USA, 10 a.m.
Okinawa, 2 p.m.
Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo (Nairobi, Mombasa, Dares Salaam, Mauritius & Johannesburg via Cairo), Rome & London, 5 p.m.
Bangkok, Singapore, Djakarta & Colombo, 5 p.m.
Labuan, Sydney & Auckland, 5 p.m.
Taipeh, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Manila, 3 p.m.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Clock and the Chair

—Merlin Told the Shadows About Them—

By MAX TRELL

"NOW take chairs," Merlin the Magician was saying to Knarf and Hanid the shadows with the turned-about names. "They have four legs. They have backs, too. And lots of them have arms. But they very seldom go anywhere on their legs. They very rarely lie on their backs. And they hardly ever do anything with their arms except to hold them quietly at each side of their seats and let people lean on them."

Hanid was about to say that if chairs took to walking around on their legs, or started rolling over on their backs, or began hugging people with their arms, no one would care to sit in them. "And what good would a chair be," she thought to herself, "if no one cared to sit in them?"

Likes and Dislikes

"Now you mustn't think," Merlin continued with a smile, "that chairs don't like having a jolly time, just like everyone else. They don't like standing in one place day after day any more than you or I would like it if we had to. Indeed, there's nothing that a chair would rather do—especially an old chair that has stood in one place, or in one house, for many, many years—than take a little run down the road, and across the fields, and up a hill or two, just to see for itself what is going on in the great world outside.

"Well, I once had a chair like this: a big, comfortable old fellow with fine strong carved legs, and a great broad cushioned back, and two arms that he held out along his lap for all the world like a grandfather sitting down and holding his hands on his knees. But not going anywhere, of course—just staying in one place and waiting.

"This old chair had only one good friend in the house. It was someone just as old as he was; someone who had stood in one spot without moving just as long as he had."

"Who was it, Merlin?" Knarf asked.

"The Grandfather's Clock. Yes, they were good old friends all right, the chair and the clock. Sometimes, late at night, when the whole house was dark I'd hear the clock ticking in a whisper to the old chair. 'Let's go, you and I....let's go, for a walk....you and I, you and I....let's go,' the clock seemed to be saying, over and over again.

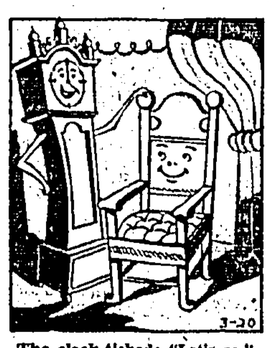
"And then one night," said Merlin, smiling to himself as he remembered what happened, "the old chair and the old Grandfather's Clock disappeared. The door was wide open. They were gone. There was no trace of them at all, except four little spots where the chair always stood, and the faint echo of the clock's ticks and tocks.

"I went to the window at once and looked out. The old moon, more than half of it covered with clouds, was coming slowly down toward the little hill. I could see the dark branches of the oak tree that stood on the top of the hill, and the moon was just above it. But no sign of the chair or the Grandfather's clock could I see.

The Moon Stopped

"And then suddenly," said Merlin, "the old moon reached the bottom of the tree on the hilltop, and stopped! Yes sir, it stopped. And that's a strange thing for the moon to do; even the old moon and in the middle of the night when everyone is supposed to be asleep. But there it stopped—and I fancied, though I couldn't be sure, that it was sitting and resting in a large, comfortable chair, taking a bit of nap (as old folks do) while the Grandfather's clock stood close by, counting out the minutes that were left before morning.

"But I never really found out whether this is what happened or not. For the next morning the chair and the Grandfather's clock were back in their old places, and they never would say a word about it."



The clock ticked: "Let's go."

Rupert and the Dragon Pills—35



The Mandarin does not at once explain how Rupert is to make his return journey. He leads him into a long building full of highly-coloured shapes. "I say, this must be a firework factory," thinks the little bear. "Whatever is he going to do with me?" They come out on to a wide space with a curious contraption set up in the centre of it. "There it is," says the old man, "this outing of yours started with the firing of a rocket. It shall end with another. Behold, our latest and best man-carrying rocket!"



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Calling for Luke

By Harry F. O'Neill





Israel Ready To Talk Peace With Arabs

Tel-Aviv, May 21.—Israel has again told the the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission that she is ready to negotiate peace with the Arabs, an Israeli Foreign spokesman said here tonight. She did so in her reply to the Commission's invitation to peace talks under the new procedure proposed by the Commission in its note of May 11, the spokesman declared.

Israel's reply said: "Israel, which explicitly accepted the Commission's original offer, is still ready at any time to enter into direct negotiations with any Arab State or States which declare their willingness to negotiate a final settlement on all outstanding issues."

The spokesman added that it now seemed clear that the Arabs still insist on their condition that they will not enter into direct peace talks with Israel unless the latter agrees first to take back Arab refugees and re-establish them.

"This means that the Arab Governments are deliberately making it impossible for peace negotiations to begin," the spokesman said.

PRIOR COMMITMENTS

The spokesman recalled that in her reply to the Conciliation Commission's proposals for a new procedure on March 29, Israel rejected any prior commitments put by the Arab States as a condition for beginning talks.

She also requested the Commission to inform her which Arab States were willing to negotiate, and said that on receiving this information she would send representatives to Geneva without delay to begin the talks at once, he said.

The Commission's further note of May 11, inviting Israel and the Arab States to send representatives for the resumption of talks in Geneva on May 23, contained no reply to this specific request of the Israeli Government the spokesman added.

There was, he declared, "no indication whatever that any Arab State in willing to negotiate a final settlement with Israel."—Reuter.

More Deaths In Mine Disaster

Essen, May 21.—Deaths rose to 63 today in the Gelsenkirchen Rotthausen coal mine disaster, and three out of the 37 injured were reported in a critical condition.

Of the dead 58 were believed to have been killed outright by the fire-damp explosion, which occurred yesterday 900 yards underground in the Belgian-owned Dahlbusch mine. Five men died in hospital.

Rescue workers, still probing through the blasted mine galleries, said they believed all bodies had not been brought to the surface.—Reuter.

Fleet Leaves Port For Manoeuvres

Aboard HMS Implacable, May 21.—With the weather closing and high seas predicted, cruisers and destroyers of the Home Fleet are leaving Portland tonight to rendezvous in the Bay of Biscay with Dutch and French ships for manoeuvres as an Atlantic Pact fleet.

This force from Portland is to meet the 23,000-ton aircraft carrier Implacable tomorrow at 11 a.m.

The combined British force is to be taken two hours later off Douarnenez, south of Brest, under the command of the Dutch Vice-Admiral J. L. Willinge, who controls the exercise which will be known under the name of "Activity".

The Dutch Fleet will include the 13,000-ton aircraft carrier Karel Doorman, flying the flag of Vice-Admiral Willinge.

Rear-Admiral Slater will command the British Fleet.

One of the main points of the exercise is to perfect communications.

For this purpose the British and American navies have standardised procedure, and the process of standardisation is now being carried out through all the fleets with English as the No. 1 language.—Reuter.

EXCHANGE OF FILMS

Berne, May 21.—The 11th Congress of Cultural and Documentary Films ended here today with a resolution to found an international union for the exchange of films.

Delegates from 20 countries attended the eight-day Congress.

Other aims of the Union would be co-ordination and development of each member country's production possibilities and education of public opinion on ways in which documentary and cultural films can help international understanding.—Reuter.

Old Wall Unearthed



While clearing the site of the old Whitehall Palace in London, workers unearthed this ancient wall. It was built by Henry VIII as a continuation of a wall built by Cardinal Wolsey. A new building on this site will house the Air Ministry and the Board of Trade. (Acme).

Japanese Princess Embarrassed On Meeting The Press

Tokyo, May 21. — Mrs. Kazuko Takatsukasa, a commoner and a bride of slightly more than 24 hours, does not know yet how she likes beings commoner, but she is sure she can make ends most on her bridegroom's US$20 a month salary.

And husband Toshimichi is just as confident he can make the second daughter of Emperor Hirohito happy on his salary as a clerk in a transportation museum here.

Twenty-seven and a half hours after their wedding on Saturday, at least both former Princess Taka and her husband impressed newspapermen at their first press conference as a thoroughly happy and likable young couple.

The interview took place at the home of former Grand Chamberlain Saburo Hyakutake, where the newlyweds will live until their new Western style house is built. Kazuko received her training as a bride in this house.

Kazuko, who has a reputation for silence even among her imperial brothers and sisters, was much more at ease than at the wedding, when her first contact with the press obviously disconcerted her. But she lived up to her reputation for not talking, and her husband leapt gallantly into the breach.

DID NOT PRESS

When a newspaperman asked: "How many children do you want?" the ex-princess, who graduated from school this year, smiled, looked away from the ring of encircling reporters and cameramen, looked back, smiled and looked again, and sympathetic newspapermen did not press for an answer.

When another asked, "What are you going to call your husband?" Kazuko repeated her routine and Toshimichi answered for her, "She won't have to call me. I will know when she wants me." And the newspapermen and Kazuko burst into appreciative laughter.

When Toshimichi was asked, "Are you confident of making a daughter of the emperor happy?" he said firmly, "Yes."

And when a reporter asked Kazuko, "Can you get along on his pay," she answered just as steadily, "Yes."

VISIT TO SHRINE

Another inquired: "How do you like being a commoner."

She smiled with embarrassment and turned away and Toshimichi answered: "She cannot tell yet."

Toshimichi said he did not know when they will visit the imperial grand shrine at Ise, but indicated they will pay the traditional visits to the Ise shrine and mausoleum of Emperor Meiji, the great-grandfather of the bride, which are located in Kyoto prefecture, in due course.—United Press.

Sind-Jodhpur Border Again Sealed

Karachi, May 21.—The Pakistan Government is to withdraw the special transport facilities across the Sind-Jodhpur border which were provided as an emergency measure during communal disturbances last March.

This withdrawal will virtually seal the border against the entry of refugees from India.

A communique issued by the Ministry of the Interior stressed that the special arrangements had put a heavy strain on the already inadequate resources of the metre gauge system which were urgently required for the transporting of food grains and other essential goods.

The Pakistan Government has also decided to re-impose the permit system which was suspended when the refugee influx started in March.

The communique said "the Government do not find any justification" for continuing the suspension in view of the steps taken by the officials and non-officials in India to allay fears and to instil feeling of security and confidence into minorities.—Reuter.

CONDITIONS FOR PEACE LACKING

Lugano, May 21.—The President of Switzerland, M. Max Petitpierre, today warned the nation that "the chances of peace have not increased in the past few months."

"That still does not mean that a new war is about to break out, nor even that it is probable," he added.

"But as long as the conditions necessary for peace are lacking, it is impossible to exclude the risk of an armed conflict."

M. Petitpierre was addressing the annual congress here of his own party, the Radical-Democrats.

He explained the Government's recent decision that all Swiss housewives should lay in emergency food stocks in these words: "Just as every Swiss soldier-citizen has his service rifle at home, we believe that every household should have its reserves.

"National defence is not only the concern of the authorities and the Army. It imposes definite and constant duties on each man and woman."—Reuter.

Thakin Nu In Holland

Amsterdam, May 21.—Thakin Nu, the Prime Minister of Burma, arrived here from London today with his wife and several high Burmese officials.

Thakin Nu, who had been invited by the Dutch Government to visit Holland, will see several large co-operative concerns during his four-day stay.

The visitors today made a boat trip through the Amsterdam Harbour and canals, accompanied by Amsterdam's Mayor. They will leave for Italy next week on their way home.—Reuter.

Plane Engines For Indo-China

Cherbourg, May 21.—The third consignment of United States military material for France—mainly aircraft engines destined for Indo-China—arrived here today.

The first cargo of combat planes for France under the arms aid programme was sent in March. The French aircraft carrier Dixmude sailed from Norfolk, Virginia, on May 12 with a second cargo of 150 American Navy fighters and bombers.—Reuter.

Ali Khan Leaves For Texas

Burbank, California, May 21.—The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr Liaquat Ali Khan, has left here by air for Houston, Texas. He spent three days visiting points of interest in and around Los Angeles.—Reuter.

Anti-Jewish Feeling In London

Nottingham, May 21.—Some Londoners have to think twice about going out into the streets in certain areas of the city because of anti-Jewish feeling there, a London delegate told the annual conference of British Trades Councils here today.

Trades Councils are local affiliations of the various trade unions operating in each place.

The delegate, Mr D. Mostyn, declared that "Sieg Heil" (the Nazi salute) was being shouted in certain areas of London to incite violence against racial minorities.

"Do you know what it is like to have to instruct your children not to pass through certain streets in London for fear of their physical safety?" he asked the conference.

Certain Jewish youth clubs had to organise convoys when the time came to go home, and some people were afraid to go out into the streets, he added.

The conference condemned the spreading of racial and religious hatred propaganda as contrary to the principles of the trades union movement.

It also expressed alarm at the growth of this "despicable activity" in recent months, and called on the General Council of the Trades Union Congress to press for strong Government measures.—Reuter.

COMPLIMENTS EXCHANGED AT PEKING

San Francisco, May 21.—The Chinese Communist Radio in Peiping today described "exchanges of mutual national esteem and desires for co-operation" between the Indian Ambassador, Mr K. M. Panikkar, and the Chinese Prime Minister, Mr Chou En-lai.

The Radio quoted Mr Panikkar, who presented his credentials, as saying: "The People's Republic of China and the Republic of India, representing the oldest communities in the world, are in a position now to co-operate effectively for mutual advantage and for the welfare of their peoples.

"These two sister Republics of Asia, which between them contain over one-third of the world's population, can, through their co-operation, become a great and invincible force for peace."—Reuter.

PROPERTIES UNFROZEN

Hyderabad, May 21.—The Hyderabad Government has unfrozen the properties of Khan Ahmed Bahadur and those of his son, Dost Mohammed Alladin, prominent businessmen of Secunderabad, near here, it was learned here today.

The father and son, whose properties were frozen shortly after their arrest on March 8 in connection with the escape of Mir Laik Ali, the former Hyderabad Prime Minister, from house custody early in March, were released on May 12.

The frozen properties of Major-General El Edroos, former Commander of the Hyderabad State Forces, who was under detention until recently, were also released last week.—Reuter.

SUCCESSOR TO INONU

Ankara, May 21.—The Turkish Assembly, meeting tomorrow for the first time since the Democratic Party general election landslide last Sunday, is expected to elect 63-year-old M. Cecal Bayar, a banker, to the Presidency.

President Ismet Inonu, the leader of the Republican People's Party, which has ruled Turkey for 27 years, will become leader of the Opposition, with only 52 Parliamentary seats against 434 held by the Democrats.

M. Bayar had earlier announced that he would not look for office, wishing to remain merely as the leader of his party, but he succumbed to rank and file pressure and yesterday was chosen by the Democrat Parliamentary group to be elected.—Reuter.

POCKET CARTOON



"... We get absolutely no interference — except when electric eels go by."

London Express Service.

U.S. Army's Super AA Rocket

New York, May 21.—General J. Lawton Collins, United States Army Chief of Staff, said today that the American Army had a new anti-aircraft rocket which would fire 12 miles into the air.

The rocket, called the "Liki," would be capable of destroying attacking planes, General Collins stated in a radio interview.

He said that the new weapon was still in the testing stage.

Adding that Liki was the god in Norse mythology who was supposed to release the hosts of hell, he declared: "That's exactly what we intend to do if anyone ever attacks the United States."

General Collins said that the United States Army faced a very critical problem when it was discovered that "the police states had us outnumbered in tanks by more than seven to one.

"Now, however, we are working up new anti-tank weapons that are relatively inexpensive, that are light and manoeuvrable and easy to manufacture, and which we believe will go a long way towards overcoming this great advantage that the other fellow now has on us."—Reuter.

SECRET DEVICES

New York, May 21.—The United States Secretary of Defence, Mr Louis Johnson, said here that American scientists are making progress on secret devices "to neutralise the effectiveness of mass destruction weapons."

Mr Johnson reported that "encouraging gains" had been scored in recent months in the quest for defensive methods.

In a speech before an Armed Forces Day audience on Saturday night, Mr Johnson declared: "Devices and techniques are being developed in our laboratories to neutralise the effectiveness of mass weapons.

"In recent months encouraging gains have been made along lines that offer promise of solutions for some problems of high priority."

Mr Johnson did not elaborate and he did not emphasise the point, but a high defence official told a reporter later that the two sentences were based on "news-worthy" developments in behind the scenes planning for America's defence.

Mr Johnson said: "We are exploiting the scientific and industrial capabilities of America in our intensive search for more effective weapons of defence and offence. We are making every reasonable effort to maintain a margin of technological superiority.

ADVANCES LISTED

"We shall need it to offset the probable numerical superiority of an aggressor."

Mr Johnson listed these advances under the North Atlantic Treaty:

1. Defence planning by the Pact nations had reached a new peak of international co-operation.
2. The major deficiencies in Western Europe's equipment had been determined and American weapons had started across the Atlantic to meet the needs of European allies.
3. American tools and machinery had stopped up military production in Western Europe.
4. The 12-Treaty powers were working towards standardisation of military equipment.—Reuter.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION:

The "basis of calculation" is neither here nor there. An undetected murder is an undetected murder, and — ex hypothesi — statistics cannot be available.

London Express Service.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. The Holland Tunnel connecting New York City and Jersey City, N.J. 2. As Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With The Wind." 3. In 1634. 4. "Twelfth Night or What You Will." 5. Pichincha in Ecuador, South America.

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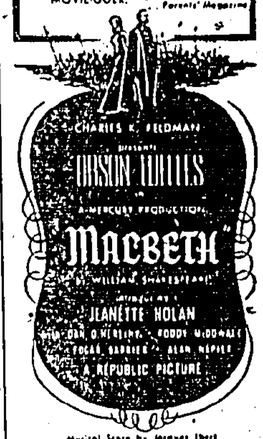
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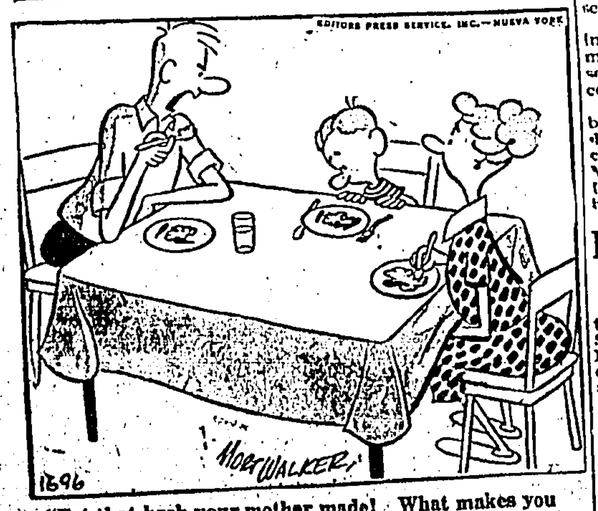
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